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Ladies' Shoes

We have them. We want you to see them. Glance in our show window.

Murdock's

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Gatslick's B'k, Main St.

Native Pig

Pork

We received today from Zoar thirteen pigs weighing 1800 pounds.

Almost a ton of handsome young pigs, fattened on corn meal and milk, that is what makes that sweet, rich flavor you get in home grown farmers' pig pork.

You can get any portion of these pigs you want, any time this week, as we will be cutting them up every day. PORK SHOULDERS, cut from them, 10c. lb. Make a capital roast.

SAUSAGE made from this kind of meat is much better, as you get that same sweet flavor that you do in the roasts and chops.

PIG'S LIVER out of these pigs, 10c. each.

NICE FAT VEAL is very plentiful now.

LOWEST CASH PRICES.

BATEMAN'S City Market

LAST WORDS FROM CONSUL WILDMAN

Thought Philippine Problem was Near to Solution

HE BELIEVED AGUINALDO TO BE DEAD

Said Aguinaldo's Chief of Staff was Trading Dead Leader's Name and Issued Bloody Proclamations

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The last statement made for publication by United States Consul General Rouseville Wildman, who lost his life in the wreck of the steamer City Rio Janeiro, is printed in the Honolulu Republican February 14. The Republican says: When asked concerning the situation in the Philippines Mr. Wildman said: "Before answering your question let me say these words in a preface way. Our present administration has acted most wisely in handling this matter. "The Philippine question is practically at an end. If our forces can keep the insurgents under control during the rainy season, and I believe they can, the matter will solve itself. "The insurgents are being cut off from all external communication, they find it harder and harder to secure food stuffs. "They long ago were prevented from receiving anything in the way of firearms. "They scarcely have any powder and in order to carry on their warfare they fill their shells with heads of matches. The force generated by the detonation of this material is sufficient to drive a ball through an inch plank. "Aguinaldo, I believe, is dead. "There is considerable dispute as to this, but from indications I am inclined to believe that he is no more. "General Sandico, chief of Aguinaldo's staff, is trading in Aguinaldo's name, and is in a very unhappy plight. "It was he who issued a proclamation to the insurgents to kill all the foreign

women and children. "We have the proclamation in his own handwriting. "He is making threats over Aguinaldo's name and seeking peace at the same time, declaring if the terms advantageous to the rebel for the foreign protectorate are not made war would be renewed with much more severity. "To prophesy the future of China," Mr. Wildman continued, "is a most difficult thing to do, but I may say hazard this, that China has been divided into five distinct divisions and to these it will again revert. "There is absolutely no sympathy between the northern and southern portions of the Flowery Kingdom. "In the north a Caucasian's life is never safe; in the south he may travel anywhere with impunity. "Guilinto, Province of Bulacan, Luzon, Feb. 27.—Jose Serapio, uncle of Aguinaldo and formerly an insurgent colonel and had been appointed governor of Bulacan province. There were several candidates, including two army officers, but the United States commission unanimously favored Serapio, who surrendered during Lawton's progress northward and since has been such a consistent friend of the United States that Aguinaldo published an order degrading him. The friars opposed the appointment. Captain Greenough of the 1st regiment was appointed treasurer; Lieutenant Wells of the 32nd regiment, supervisor. The other officials appointed were natives.

CASSELLS WILL RECOVER BUT WOMAN CANNOT

Pleads Guilty to Charge of Shooting With Intent to Murder

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 27.—John D. Cassells, who shot Mrs. Edward Lane because she would not elope with him, will recover. He was arraigned on the charge of intent to murder this morning and pleaded guilty and was held till May for the superior court. The woman is not expected to recover.

REQUESTS IN SENATE FOR SAMPSON LETTERS

Sampson Says He is Sick and Tired of the Affair

Washington Feb. 27.—A resolution today was introduced in the senate by Senator Allen instructing the secretary of the navy to send to the senate copies of the letter of Gunner Morgan to Admiral Sampson and of Sampson's comment on it. It went over until tomorrow. The senate committee on foreign relations has decided to make no further effort to secure action on the various reciprocity treaties at this session.

Boston, Feb. 27.—Gunner Charles Morgan came to Boston and saw Admiral Sampson today. He would say nothing afterwards. Sampson will see no reporters as he is "sick and tired of it."

AGAINST BELL COMPANY IN BERLINER CASE

Boston, Feb. 27.—Judge Brown in the United States circuit court today decided against the American Bell telephone company in the famous Berliner infringement patent case. Millions are involved.

FOUR MEN BURIED UNDER STONE WALL

Two Men Instantly Killed. Weak Foundations Was the Cause

New York, Feb. 27.—A ten-foot stone wall in the course of construction at 333 West Nineteenth street, collapsed this morning and four men were buried in the ruins and two instantly killed. It is believed the accident was due to weak foundations. Work had progressed as far as the fourth story.

SULTAN HAS NOT PAID INSTALLMENTS

Contract With the Cramps For Cruiser is Now Void

Constantinople Feb. 27.—It is stated the porte has paid the installments due on the cruiser for which a contract was signed by the Cramps, who may consider the contract void and repudiate all responsibility in the matter.

MRS. CARRIE NATION OPPOSED TO FAME

Objects to Use of Her Name as a Brand For Cigars

Leominster, Mass., Feb. 27.—A cigar maker here who asked Mrs. Carrie Nation's permission to use her name on a new brand of cigars received the following postal: "Topeka, Kans., in jail, February 21. If anyone should dare put my name as a brand to a death dealing hellish cigar I would make him pay for it dearly."

FIRST CHINESE EXECUTIONS

Ministers Did Not Attend and Discussed Important Matters

Peking, Feb. 27.—Members of the various legations did not attend the execution of Chih Siu and Hsu Cheng Yu yesterday as it was felt their presence might seem to be a gloating over their fallen adversaries.

Every power, however, was largely represented by officers, soldiers and staff.

Over 10,000 persons witnessed the execution. The victims met death stoically. One blow only was needed for each. At the time of the execution the ministers held a meeting and determined on the part of the majority to draw the curtain over further demands for blood.

Another important point brought up at the meeting was that if the legation quarters.

Mr. Rockhill impressed the ministers by his remarks regarding the protest of Sir Robert Hart against the seizure of his property to increase the area of the legations, saying the services rendered the powers by Sir Robert as financial representative in China should have prevented the indignities and the spoliation inflicted.

"The feeling is general that Italy should recede from her position and return the property she has taken and, of necessity for her increase of her legation, she should take land elsewhere.

Dr. Munn von Schwarzenstein, German minister, and Marquis Salgado Raggi, Italian representative, expressed high appreciation of Sir Robert Hart and regretted that matters of state made necessary the taking of the lands of the customs officials.

Sir Ernest Satow and Mr. Rockhill thought an exception should certainly be made of Sir Robert Hart's personal property and the limits of the legation should be defined the same as published.

Reports from Shih-Si province show that the suffering due to famine is increasing.

Peking, Feb. 27.—Chih Siu (former grand secretary) and Hsu Cheng Yu (son of the notorious Hsu Tung) were publicly beheaded yesterday. The street in which the execution took place was guarded by French, German and American troops. The condemned officials were taken to the ground in carts, escorted by a company of Japanese infantry.

Chih Siu met his fate in a dignified manner, walking from the cart calmly and fearlessly. Hsu Cheng Yu was stupefied with opium. They were both dressed in their Chinese official costumes, without the insignia of their rank.

CRIMINAL COURT

BURNING IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 27.—The criminal court on the corner of Center and Franklin streets is on fire.

The northwest corner from the top floor to the roof is ablaze. The fire started in a store room in the attic and the whole building is threatened.

BURGLARS CRACK SAFES IN ATTLEBORO FALLS

North Attleboro, Mass., Feb. 27.—Burglars blew several safes in Attleboro Falls last night, including those of the postoffice and railroad station. They escaped with \$300 worth of property.

Umlilian Verdict Holds

Boston, Feb. 27.—The full bench of the supreme court today sent down a decision sustaining the conviction of Francis Umlilian found guilty in Hampshire county of the murder of Casimir Jedrusik at Granby on December 31, 1899. The jury returned a verdict of murder in the first degree on October 5, 1900.

Boston, Feb. 27.—The board of railroad commissioners today fixed the price to be paid by the Boston & Maine for the stock of the Central Massachusetts as preferred \$65, common \$21 per share.

You Take No Chances

Of spoiling anything you attempt to make when using

Our Pure Kettle Rendered Lard

That contains nothing but the clear lard and trimmings cut from corn fat; therefore you will find it wholesome and sweet, also unadulterated. Conveniently put up in 3, 5 and 10-lb pails, 12c lb.

We are receiving a steady increase in trade for our

Pressed Corned Beef

And the reason for this is because its good quality and convenience is eating everybody. Nothing like it to serve as Cold Meat, Hash or for Mince Meat. The usual price, 20c lb.

Providence River Oysters 40c quart

Harden's Stamped Eggs—you can always rely on them.

Stockwell & Rosston

BOTHA MAY NOW SURRENDER

Work of General French. Plague Scourge in Cape Town and Vicinity

London, Feb. 27.—Lord Kitchener from Middleburg reports that General French has received the surrender of 300 Boers, a 19-pounder Krupp, one howitzer, a Maxim, 20,000 rounds of small ammunition, 153 rifles, 288 horses, 834 trek oxen, 10,000 sheep and 287 wagons and carts up to February 26.

Cape Town, Feb. 27.—Seven fresh cases of bubonic plague are reported today.

Two of the victims, Europeans, are dead.

The body of a Kaffir was found in a house near the Cathedral yesterday.

In a majority of cases the spread of the disease is traceable to rats.

The principal difficulty encountered by the authorities of state in their effort to prevent the plague from spreading is the concealment by colored people of increase among them.

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes, under reserve, a rumor that Lord Kitchener has met General Louis Botha to arrange terms for the surrender of the Boer and that an armistice of 24 hours was granted the Boer commandant general to enable him to consult with the other commanders. According to The Daily Chronicle the cabinet council yesterday considered this new turn of affairs.

During the course of a statement on public business in the house of commons yesterday, Mr. Balfour mentioned the fact that the supplementary estimates for this year would be very heavy, including over \$5,000,000 for the navy and \$15,000,000 for the army. In reply to a question, the chancellor of the exchequer, Mr. Hicks-Beach, said for the year ending March 25, 1900, direct taxation contributed 48.4 percent and indirect taxation 51.6 percent of the public revenue. He was unable to give the figures of foreign countries, and pointed out that in the case of countries like the United States and Germany, a comparison was apt to be misleading.

It is reported that General Louis Botha is now between Ermelo and Middleburg, says a dispatch to The Daily Mail from Pietermaritzburg, and that two peace delegates from Belfast, Messrs. De Kock and Meyer, have been shot.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The senate today passed a bill taxing the insurance companies one per cent on the business done in the state, also taxing the trust companies one per cent on the surplus undivided profits and capital.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Atch pr	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
Am. Tob	122 1/2	120	121
Am. S. and W.	41 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2
A. C. O.	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
B. R. T.	73	72 1/2	73 1/2
B. & O.	83	82 1/2	83 1/2
C. & R. I.	124 1/2	123 1/2	124 1/2
C. B. & Q.	145	144	145 1/2
C. St. P. & M.	155 1/2	153 1/2	154 1/2
C. C. C.	74 1/2	73	75
Cent. Tob	48 1/2	47	47 1/2
Canada So	57	56 1/2	56 1/2
C. & O.	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2
D. & H.	165 1/2	164	165 1/2
Fed. Steel	43 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Fed. Steel r	89	87 1/2	87 1/2
Gen. Elec	214	210	214
J. C.	156	156	156
L. & N.	92 1/2	91 1/2	92 1/2
Man	117 1/2	116 1/2	117 1/2
Met. St. Ry	160 1/2	159 1/2	160 1/2
Mo. Pac	83 1/2	83	83 1/2
M. K. & T.	53 1/2	52	53 1/2
N. Y. C.	143 1/2	142 1/2	143 1/2
Norfolk	46 1/2	46	46 1/2
Nat. Lead	15 1/2	15 1/2	15 1/2
No. Pac	84	83 1/2	84 1/2
No. Pac pr	87 1/2	87 1/2	87 1/2
O. & W.	31 1/2	31	31 1/2
Penn RR	149 1/2	148 1/2	149 1/2
Peo Gas	101	100	101 1/2
Reading	30 1/2	30	30 1/2
Reading r	70 1/2	70 1/2	70 1/2
Sugar	143	142 1/2	143 1/2
So Pac	44 1/2	43 1/2	44 1/2
So RR pr	77 1/2	77 1/2	77 1/2
T. C. & I.	53 1/2	52 1/2	53 1/2
U. S. L.	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
U. S. R.	19 1/2	19	19 1/2
Union Pte	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Union Pac pr	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
Wab pr	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
W. U.	86 1/2	86	86 1/2



TROUSERS SALE

We have inaugurated a sale of odd trousers that takes in our entire stock of odd trousers from \$1.50 to \$3.50 the pair. This means hundreds of pairs of good, serviceable Cutting-made trousers at one of the following cut prices:

\$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50,
\$1.19, \$1.59, \$1.89, \$2.39, \$2.79.

Come in and make your selections at once. We do the rest—see that you get fitted—all sizes 30 to 50—and entire satisfaction or your money back without asking.

C. H. Cutting & Co.

Cutting Corner. Wholesale-Retailers. North Adams

Making a Big Noise

The carpenters are making a big noiseputting in our new steel ceiling, but, judging from the large number who are calling and purchasing, our prices are making a louder noise.

L. M. Barnes,

The Old Reliable Jeweler.

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Special Sale of Pants

QUICK SALES AND READY CASH ARE MORE DESIRABLE NOW THAN PROFITS.

\$2.50 Pants Sale Price \$2.00.
3.00 Pants Sale Price 2.50.
3.50 Pants Sale Price 2.75.
4.00 Pants Sale Price 3.00.
4.50 Pants Sale Price 3.50.
5.00 Pants Sale Price 4.00.

Money Back If You Say So. See our window.

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Connecticut Creamery Butter, the best the market affords, 26c lb., 4 lbs. \$1.00

Vermont Creamery Butter, 24c, 4 lbs. \$1.00

Elgin Creamery Butter, 23c, 4 lbs. \$1.00

Strictly Fresh Eggs, WARRANTED, 26c doz., 4 doz. \$1.00

Our Teas at 40c are equal to any 50c Tea sold anywhere.

Our Coffee at 25c is delicious.

Boston Butter Co.

Our Store News...

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Bargains! Bargains!

These are days of opportunities.

Every department welcomes you.

For Thursday

10 pieces Dress Goods, fancy mixtures, 38-inches wide, reduced from 50c to 39c a yard.

11-4 Blankets, were \$5.00, our price \$3.75.

11-4 Blankets, were sold at 2.00, now at 1.50.

500 yards fine Dress Gingams, 10c a yard.

We have 20 fine black Winter Jackets left over. They are all well made and this season's price. Yours at half price.

Buy While Bargains are Going.

Stockwell & Rosston

SPEECH WAS HELD UP

Speaker Wanted to "Blue Pen-
cil" an Attack Upon Hanna

LENTZ RESENTS THE ACTION

And a Lively Row Is Thereby Precipitated in House—Admiral Sampson Comes in For Vigorous Arraignment For His Alleged "Snobbery"

Washington, Feb. 27.—Mr. Lentz of Ohio stirred the Democrats in the house to a fever pitch yesterday by rising to a question of privilege and alleging that a speech he had turned over to the public printer under general leave to print had been withheld from The Record and had been turned over to Representative Grosvenor by the speaker. The nature of the speech was not developed during the events that followed, but it was learned that it was an attack upon Senator Hanna, and the methods by which he was elected to the senate.

The speaker explained that it had been represented to him that the speech violated the privileges of the house, and he had directed that it be withheld until he could look over it. Pressure of business had prevented him from doing so, however, and only 20 minutes before, he said, he had directed that the speech go into The Record, believing that if it contained anything offensive it could be stricken out of The Record by the house later.

Intense excitement followed. Several points of order were made by Republicans, but the speaker declined to sidetrack the matter in that way, holding, however, that to proceed a proposition of some kind must be before the house. Thereupon, Mr. Richardson, the Democratic leader, offered a resolution declaring that the speaker had no right to withhold speeches. Against this the question of consideration was raised by Mr. Lacey, and by a strict party vote the house decided not to consider.

Amid still greater excitement and confusion, Mr. Richardson offered another resolution condemning the speaker's action. Again Mr. Lacey raised the question of consideration, and again by a strict party vote the house refused to consider it.

At this point further proceedings were cut off by an adjournment taken on motion of Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, and again sustained by a strict party vote. The controversy probably will be resumed today.

During the course of the debate in the house on the naval appropriation bill, the old controversy between Admirals Sampson and Schley was made the subject of comment by Mr. Berry (Ken). He said it was still the evident purpose of the navy department to confer the highest honor upon the man who was "farthest away at the battle of Santiago." Mr. Berry had read Admiral Sampson's alleged recent letter to Secretary Long as to the inadvisability of giving warrant officers in the navy commissions on account of their lack of social refinement. Mr. Berry said that Admiral Sampson, who had written the letter, was of extremely humble origin himself, and whatever refinement he had obtained had been due to his service in the American navy. He contrasted Admiral Sampson's attitude toward the men of the navy with Admiral Schley's action during the stress of battle, in sending word to those below that "all went well," and when the battle was over, in saying that the victory belonged to the "men behind the guns."

An important amendment to the Philippine amendment to the army appropriation bill was agreed to in the senate. It was an amplification of the amendment previously offered by Mr. Hoar laying restrictions upon the sale of public lands and the granting of franchises and concessions in the Philippines. It was accepted by the committee in charge of the measure, and is now a part of the committee amendment. Mr. Morgan continued his speech begun Monday, and occupied the floor during the greater part of the day.

During the afternoon Mr. Allen obtained the floor from Mr. Morgan, and severely arraigned Rear Admiral Sampson for his endorsement in the navy of Chief Gunner Charles Morgan of the navy for promotion to the grade of commanding officer.

Mr. Allen's denunciation of Admiral Sampson was sensational. He presupposed that the Morgan letter and endorsement upon it by Admiral Sampson were genuine, although he had no official information upon that point. He took it that the endorsements proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that there was a snobbish aristocracy in the navy that is detrimental to the country, and a disgrace to the country represented by this officer and like officers.

"If William T. Sampson is the author of those endorsements," declared Mr. Allen, with vehemence, "he is a concealed ass, and he ought to be brought down as such. We are not bringing up in this country a race of snobs. If I am correctly informed there was a time when Sampson was no better than Charles Morgan, the gunner. He came from no better stock. If this rank and array toward is to be believed the time may never come in this country when a poor boy may attain to such a position as his abilities warrant him in holding."

As Mr. Morgan arose to resume his speech, Mr. Allen remarked: "I want to say to Sampson and to his friend, that I am responsible for what I say."

Mr. Chandler appealed to Mr. Morgan to yield briefly to him that he might reply to Mr. Allen, but as several senators desired to reply to Mr. Chandler, Mr. Morgan declined to accede to Mr. Chandler's appeal.

Cleaning Out Gambling Joints

New York, Feb. 27.—The gambling fraternity was thrown into a state of excitement at midnight by a raid on a number of gambling houses. Police-men were called out and sent in squads of five to several places to be raided. Eighty places were specifically mentioned. The raid was the result of the work of what is known as "the committee of 15," appointed through the efforts of the Merchants' association, and which has for three months been quietly conducting an investigation of vice in this city.

PISTOL AND POISON

Used by Man Who Wanted a Married Woman to Klope With Him

Springfield, Mass., Feb. 27.—Infuriated because she refused to elope with him, John D. Cassels of this city shot and fatally wounded Mrs. Mary Lane at her boarding place at Longmeadow, last night, and then drank carbolic acid. Cassels is about 37 years old, and has a wife and four children, who went to England some time ago for a visit. Mrs. Lane, who is 27 years old, is the wife of Edward A. Lane, and the mother of three children.

The deed occurred in the house of Fred Bliss, whose wife is the sister of Mrs. Lane. Mr. Lane was away, inspecting a house he is having built, and the two women were alone in the house with the children, when Cassels reached the place. He went to the kitchen where the women sat, and proposed to Mrs. Lane that she elope with him: "Is it yes or no?" he demanded. Mrs. Lane replied calmly, "No."

Instantly Cassels drew a revolver as he stood in the doorway, and fired at Mrs. Lane. The bullet entered Mrs. Lane's forehead and she fell. Cassels stepped forward and fired two more shots into his victim, who held up her arms in a vain attempt to protect herself. The last shots were so close that the discharge of powder burned her hands and hair.

Cassels then left the house and later he was found lying on the ground unconscious, several rods up the road, and a bottle lay beside him which had contained carbolic acid. Doctors agree that neither man or woman can live.

Bay State Legislature

Boston, Feb. 27.—Both branches of the legislature made considerable progress yesterday toward an early adjournment by killing a number of bills which threatened to take up valuable time in debate. The principal one of these measures was an order for a plan by which the state should cut ice on the metropolitan reservoirs and sell it to citizens practically at cost.

The principal feature of the day was a hearing on the Boston board of police affairs. At this hearing former Inspector Cogan, who was discharged two years ago, continued his attack upon the board, and also Inspector Houghton, who, he claimed, had knowledge of the break at the Brighton National bank before it took place, and who had profited by protecting the burglars.

Five to Nine Years For Miles

Cambridge, Mass., Feb. 27.—Edward F. Miles, former tax collector for the town of Hudson, was sentenced yesterday by Judge Fessenden to a term of not more than five years and not less than nine years in the state prison. The first day is to be spent in solitary confinement, and the rest of the time at hard labor. The prisoner was tax collector at Hudson from 1885 to 1900, and it was found that he did not turn over \$9300 which was paid to him for taxes during that period.

Another Garrie Nation

Rockland, Me., Feb. 27.—A horse owned by T. H. Donahue ran away yesterday, and after freeing itself from the sleigh, jumped headlong through a large plate glass window in a drug store. After smashing a soda fountain the animal jumped over the counter onto the floor of the store. The horse was slightly cut by glass, and has been named Garrie Nation by the owner.

Boston to Hamburg Direct

Boston, Feb. 27.—A new direct service between this port and Hamburg will be inaugurated in April by the Hamburg-American line. Heretofore the steamers running to this port from Hamburg have called at other ports on their return trips, which has greatly retarded the development of the business between here and the German ports.

Had a Get-Rich-Quick Scheme

New Haven, Feb. 27.—The grand jury yesterday found an indictment against Arthur Lum of this city, alleging that he advertised in Maine newspapers under the name of the "New England Investment company" to secure loans at 10 percent a month. Lum was arrested by an inspector of the postoffice department.

Popular With His Neighbors

South Berwick, Me., Feb. 27.—About 500 friends of Edwin H. Knight gathered in the Christian church last evening, and presented him with a purse of \$430, to assist in defraying the expenses incurred during his recent trial on the charge of murder. Speeches were made by Rev. Zeblon Knight and others.

Robbers Sentenced

Boston, Feb. 27.—Judge Sheldon yesterday sentenced Albert Reed to not more than 12 nor less than nine years in state prison for robbing Charles Krunking of \$375 in a South End house, and Eliza Patterson, Reed's companion in the crime, was given three years in the house of correction.

Name Not Yet Selected

Boston, Feb. 27.—The jangling men of Boston are disappointed in not hearing Mrs. Lawson's choice of a name for her husband's new yacht. The guessing as to the name runs chiefly to names of flowers, although many expect it to be called the America II.

Hermit Burned to Death

New Boston, Mass., Feb. 27.—Information from Tolland states that a hermit, name unknown, was burned to death in his cabin last night. The man was a German by birth. The local authorities have gone to the place to investigate.

Consolidation of Carpet Firms

Hartford, Feb. 27.—The E. S. Higgins company of New York and the Hartford Carpet company were consolidated yesterday by filing a certificate of incorporation for \$5,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 is preferred.

Cuba and the Transvaal

London, Feb. 27.—The St. James Gazette says it sees in the senate's proposals relative to Cuba a great similarity with Great Britain's suzerainty over the Transvaal under the convention of 1884 and wonders how long the United States would submit to any future ill-treatment of American citizens, similar to Mr. Kruger's maltreatment of British subjects, and ridicules the idea of America submitting a dispute between the United States and Cuba to the arbitration of a foreign power.

ANOTHER MINE HORROR

Thirty-Six Men Have Met a Terrible Fate

SPEEDY WORK OF FLAMES

Cut Off Escape of All but One Man, Who Was frightfully Burned—Entries of Mine Sealed After All Hope of Rescue Was Abandoned

Claremont, Wyo., Feb. 27.—A disastrous fire in the Diamondville coal mine No. 1 Monday evening was attended with serious loss of life and great destruction of property. There were 37 miners entombed, and all perished but John Anderson, who was working near the mouth of the level.

The blaze was first discovered shortly after the night shift commenced work. The flames made such progress that only one man escaped from the two entries on which it was confined. His name is John Anderson, and he was frightfully burned in running the gauntlet of the flames.

The first intimation the miners in the other entries had of a fire was when Anderson came rushing into the upper level. He fell unconscious and was carried to the mouth of the mine.

The entire night was spent in confining the fire to the two entries, and yesterday morning it was necessary to seal them up to prevent the flames from spreading to other parts of the mine. This step was only decided upon after all hope of saving the lives of the men had been abandoned.

The scenes at the mouth of the mine during the night and yesterday were heartrending. Officials of the company state that upon investigation they have come to the conclusion that the fire started in the drivers' cabin at the main entrance of level No. 6. It is supposed to have originated through the carelessness of some of the drivers who congregated there between the runs.

Of the men imprisoned in the workings only two are known to be Americans, the balance being Italians and Finns.

Caught With Stolen Bonds

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 27.—On Aug. 23 last the office of the Syracuse, Lake Side and Baldwinville railroad company was broken into, and \$292 in cash, \$144 in stamps and six \$1000 bonds were stolen. Bert H. Sheppard offered the bonds for sale in New York, and yesterday, when he made an engagement to dispose of the bonds he was arrested. Sheppard would have graduated in June in the electrical engineering course of Syracuse university, but left college last November. He was popular among the students, and his arrest was a great surprise.

Warfare in East Africa

Mombasa, East Coast of Africa, Feb. 27.—A British expedition of 500 men, after making an eight day march of 114 miles into the Somali country to punish the natives for killing Sub-Commissioner Jenner, was attacked at Sanansa, and lost 17 men killed, including Lieutenant Colonel Matfield. The Somalis were beaten off with the loss of 150 men killed. The cattle captured on the march were stamped and lost. The expedition has returned to Admadu.

Comment on Steel Combine

London, Feb. 27.—The Daily Mail, in an alarmist editorial on the "threatening aspect of the steel trade," says: "The time has surely come to recognize that in an era of the fiercest and most unscrupulous competition the community and the state must stand by the threatened trade, and if national efforts will not suffice, international resources must be invoked to keep in Europe trade that will otherwise go to America."

Venomous Attacks Upon America

Port of Spain, Trinidad, Feb. 27.—Systematic and violent abuse of Americans, instigated by high Venezuelan officials implicated in the asphalt conspiracy, has begun in the Caracas press. Everything hostile to the United States is seized upon and exaggerated. United States Minister Loomis is shamefully attacked for daring to inform Washington of events occurring in Venezuela.

To Accept a Bank Position

Washington, Feb. 27.—Frank A. Vandervip, an assistant secretary of the treasury, has resigned that office, his resignation to take effect shortly after inauguration. He will probably go to Europe for a vacation, after which he will accept a bank position in New York.

In Contractors' Favor

Albany, Feb. 27.—The court of appeals yesterday decided that the law providing that contractors performing work on municipal or other public contracts shall pay the rate of wages prevailing in the locality where the work is performed is unconstitutional.

Has But \$20 Assets

New York, Feb. 27.—Marcus L. Freeman, now secretary and treasurer of a Breproof construction company in this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday, placing his liabilities at \$181,000, with assets of \$20. The debts are unsecured.

Old Sport In "Funny House"

New York, Feb. 27.—James, better known as "One-Eyed" Connolly, known all over the country to sporting men, was yesterday committed to the King's county insane asylum.

Strike Brewing In Portugal

Oporto, Feb. 27.—There is much excitement here in connection with the anti-clerical feeling. The Vox Portugalia says the present situation in Portugal cannot be prolonged.

Strike on at Paterson

Paterson, N. J., Feb. 27.—The first strike of silk reavers has been declared, 128 weavers at C. E. Medding's factory having gone out in a body because the firm refused to concede the schedule of wages recently adopted by the employees.

Couldn't Take Fortune With Him

Lehigh, Feb. 27.—Signor Nagini, a millionaire, has committed suicide here, having previously destroyed Turkish securities of the value of 2,000,000 lire in order that no one might enjoy his fortune.

Unusual Act of Legislature

Concord, N. H., Feb. 27.—The judiciary committee of the house of representatives reported yesterday an address for the removal of Judge John B. Haselton from the office of justice of the peace, on the ground of the public good. Judge Haselton is, or was, the man who disappeared from a Portland steamer last month. It is supposed that he committed suicide, but in absence of proof of death, this action was necessary before Governor Jordan could appoint a successor.

The Greatest of Trusts

New York, Feb. 27.—J. P. Morgan authorizes the statement that the capital issue of the new United States Steel corporation will be \$300,000,000 bonds, \$400,000,000 of preferred stock and \$400,000,000 common stock. Mr. Morgan said that no further statement was likely to be forthcoming regarding the terms of the consolidation until the circular inviting subscriptions was issued.

Brilliant Pool Playing

Boston, Feb. 27.—W. H. Clearwater of Pittsburg was the winner last night in the pool tournament over W. H. Stubbs of Montreal, by the score of 150 to 64, in one of the best games ever seen in this city. During the evening's play Clearwater missed but four shots.

Greece Cannot Acquire Crete

Crete, Feb. 27.—Prince George of Greece, commissioner general of the European powers in the administration of Crete, yesterday received from the foreign consuls the decision of the powers rejecting his proposal for the annexation of Crete to Greece.

Two Women Burned to Death

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Roy Sampson threw a lighted match in a barrel of celluloid scraps in the Waukegan Organ Stop factory of R. Alden yesterday, and as a result two young women employees were burned to death, and three other persons were injured.

Three Children Roasted to Death

New York, Feb. 27.—Three children of Daniel Ireland were burned to death yesterday in their parents' home at Cold Spring Harbor, L. I., while Mrs. Ireland went to a store. The house was totally destroyed.

Negotiations to Come to Washington

London, Feb. 27.—The Nicaraguan negotiations are on the point of being entirely transferred to Washington, as Ambassador Choate is not empowered to deal with the suggestion of the British government.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Rev. Warren K. Beaman, 88, died at Amherst, Mass. He was born at Wendell, Mass., and graduated from Amherst college in 1857. In 1840 he was installed as pastor of the Congregational church at North Hgley, where he remained for 33 years.

Rev. Charles R. Bliss, 78, formerly engaged in educational work in Utah, died at Longmeadow, Mass.

Last month Germany's imports and exports decreased appreciably, as against the figures for the corresponding month of last year. German coal export alone fell off 121,135 tons.

William J. MacManus, famous as a secret service detective in the employ of the United States government, died at Baltimore from a complication of diseases.

Admiral Dewey, who has been suffering from the grip, is contemplating taking a southern trip for his health. It is doubtful whether the admiral's health will permit him to attend the inauguration ceremonies at the capitol Monday.

Professor Henry T. Fowler of Knox college, Illinois, has been elected to the chair of Biblical literature and history in Brown university, to succeed Professor Charles F. Kent.

John H. Brown, a shoemaker, 40 years old, was asphyxiated by gas at Lynn, Mass. It is believed to be a case of suicide.

William Gardner, aged 26 years, committed suicide at North Adams, Mass., by taking Paris green.

Princes William and Eric, the second and third sons of Prince Gustav, the crown prince of Sweden and Norway, are confined to bed with severe attacks of influenza.

The senate in executive session last night confirmed all the naval nominations for promotion sent in, except those of Admirals Sampson and Schley.

Frances N. Doane, aged 9, was fatally burned while playing near her home at Boston. She was standing near a boiler and her clothing caught fire.

Uneasiness at Irvington

Indianapolis, Feb. 27.—A lynching and burning of the negro at Terre Haute, coming as it does so soon after the assault on Dorothy Darter on the streets of Irvington last Thursday, has fanned public feeling to a fever heat. Following the announcement of the arrest at Newcastles of a negro answering the description of the assailant of Miss Darter, many quiet meetings were held throughout the city, and plans to lynch the negro, if identified, were made.

A Mississippi Lynching

Scranton, Miss., Feb. 27.—John Knox, a white man, was lynched here last night for the murder of Don Davis.

Kaiser Returns to Berlin

Cronberg, Feb. 27.—Emperor William was driven in a sleigh from Homburg to Friedrichsfeld yesterday. The emperor lunched with King Edward and they drove to Saalburg through the woods. Several mounted policemen patrolled the road. Emperor William bade farewell to the king at Saalburg and went to Homburg, where he took a train for Berlin, and King Edward returned to Friedrichsfeld.

Penalties For Abduction

Albany, Feb. 27.—The senate yesterday passed a kidnapping bill which provides that there shall be two degrees, the first, stealing a child for ransom, punishable by life imprisonment, and the second degree for stealing any person not a child for any purpose, punishable by 15 years' imprisonment.

Miraculous Escape From Death

Hazardville, Conn., Feb. 27.—An explosion of a mill at the Hazard Powder company occurred yesterday, wrecking the building. James L. Bowen was in the building during the explosion, and was found in the ruins still conscious, but half paralyzed and badly burned about the face and head. He will recover.

THE WEEK'S NEWS

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20.

Much concern felt for Admiral Sampson, who is again reported seriously sick.—O'Connell defeats Lytle for mayor of Worcester, Mass., by 511 votes.—Announcement of further gift of \$250,000 to Brown university by John D. Rockefeller.—James Callahan, identified by young Cudahy as one of his abductors, arrested at Omaha.—Large beet sugar plant to be built in Indiana; will compete with American company.—Governor Wolcott memorial fund now amounts to \$35,331.48.—Report that China agrees to indict punishmentists demanded.—Minister Conger protests against Walders's expedition.—King Edward going to Germany to visit his sister.—Liverpool firm closed for selling arseniculated invert sugar.—Pulp and paper mills of Quebec and Ontario to be consolidated into one company, capitalized at \$2,500,000.—British cabinet meets the opposition leaders to discuss the civil list, with a view to making the debate short.—Correspondent who visits Venezuela declares that country's action toward the asphalt company is a game of "loot."

THURSDAY, FEB. 21.

Mayor Hurley starts Salem, Mass., by sounding riot call to test efficiency of police force.—Tug Curlew run down and sunk in Boston harbor; no lives lost.—Reduction of 10 percent in wages of operatives in United States Cotton company's mills at Central Falls, R. I.—Eleven hundred hands thrown out of work by strike of 35 girls in woolen mill at Maynard, Mass.—Family of Edward Delehanty, a poor longshoreman of Boston, get \$50,000 by the death of Mrs. Delahanty's uncle in Australia.—Mrs. Elizabeth L'Etoile, convicted of throwing vitriol into John Beauchard's face at Lowell, Mass., sentenced to five years in prison.—Envoys and Chinese plenipotentiaries compromise on punishments to be inflicted upon offenders.—Congressman Leutz of Ohio fiercely attacks administration; says troops in Philippines are guilty of cruelties, and charges fraud in election of Hanna.—Builders of Portland, Me., vote to refuse demand of labor unions for an eight-hour work day.—Republicans carry Philadelphia by 97,965.—Fall River, Mass., mills in first-class financial and physical condition.—New York senate passes single-headed police bill, which now goes to the governor.—The charter of Morgan's new steel combine completed; only the name of the concern undecided upon.—Kumler that American Writing Paper company is to absorb the Whiting and Southworth properties.—Thirty-seventh infantry mustered out.—Senate foreign relations committee votes to report adversely Morgan's canal resolution.—Fernando Rustan, a French subject, arrested in Luzon for aiding insurgents.—Pension Commissioner Evans to retire in favor of Deputy Commissioner Davenport of New Hampshire.—A train containing Kitchener's baggage derailed, and contents seized by Boers; the commander himself was in the train just ahead.—Report that King Edward will visit Ireland in the spring.—Session of the Reichstrat closed because of turbulence of members.—Santos-Dumont thinks the steerable balloon an early possibility.—Canada fears Americans may secure her railways, and considers government control.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22.

King Edward intercedes for Duke of Westminster, married a few days ago, who is now named as correspondent in a divorce case.—Unknown friend makes gift of \$500,000 to Harvard university for building for architectural study.—Ten men killed in railroad wreck in New Jersey.—Two men arrested at St. Paul in connection with Cudahy kidnapping case.—Taft will probably be civil governor of Philippines when peace is established.—Cuban constitution signed at Havana and now ready to be submitted to Washington.—United States policy of no partition of China accepted by the powers.—Massachusetts legislature, by vote of 111 to 61, refuses to investigate Boston gas question.—Frank Ballard, 15, charged with murder of Mrs. Jenkins at Lee Hook, N. H.—Consolidation of Boston Gas companies planned in a bill now being drafted.—Trial of John C. Best of Saugus, Mass., for alleged murder of George E. Bailey to begin at Salem on March 18.—Additional arrests of the South Danvers (Mass.) National bank case will be made.—In the arrest of "Fred Foster" Boston police believe they have blocked a game to swindle several wholesale jewellers.—Fire in Somersworth, N. H., causes loss of \$20,000.—Senate session smashing case against Mrs. Nation dismissed.—Maynard, Mass., mills closed because of alleged intimidation of a few employees, agreement with management reached and mills will reopen.—Death of Miss Anna Gardner of Nantucket, Mass., the abolitionist.—Fall River, Mass., selling committee criticized by manufacturers for cutting print cloth prices without opportunity of unloading large quantity of goods.—Government to buy ships for Philippine transportation line.—Six hundred thousand people have received benefits of civil government in Luzon.—Eight hundred ragged Boers near Pretoria supposed to be considering surrender; Boers charge British with violation of Geneva convention and customs of civilized warfare.—Turkish minister at Madrid resigns.—Canada Petroleum company to go into liquidation.—Paris physician contends that grip causes appendicitis.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23.

City of Rio de Janeiro sick in San Francisco harbor, and over 120 persons lost, including Consul Wildman, his wife and two children.—Jury disagrees to trial of Dr. Kennedy, charged with murder of Dolly Reynolds at New York.—Board of Methodist ministers convened to try Rev. H. C. Wilson of Lewiston, Me., on charges, find him guilty on all; he did not appear at the hearing.—Senate passes the postoffice appropriation and the diplomatic and consular bills.—General Wood has Cuban constitution, and awaits orders as to its transmission.—Professor Wheeler of Yale says great danger to the United States as a result of expansion.—Investigation ordered on charges of bribery in Delaware house of representatives.—United States officers capture 25 Chinese on the boundary at Malone, N. Y.—Russia will remove her duty on American goods just as soon as the countervailing duty is removed here.—Fai Crowe writes L. A.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24.

Capitan Ward blamed for the loss of the City of Rio de Janeiro.—Russian-American tariff misunderstanding will, it is thought, be but temporary.—Quincy A. Shaw again with the racket championship, defeating Mackay of New York.—British counter proposals as to Nicaraguan canal will be made with the knowledge that they cannot be considered in time to prevent the lapsing of the treaty; Alaskan boundary one of the matters.—Southern states given their first taste of winter.—Gambling paraphernalia burned in a public square at Fort Scott, Kan.—Dr. Stillman of New York gives \$20,000 to found an institute for Filipinos.—Senate committee has made propositions to enable McKinley to deal with Cuba; United States to control foreign relations; Cuba not to pay old debt; president to name coaling and naval stations and United States to control sanitary laws.—Denver's mysterious thug brutally beats three more women.—Lawson offers cups and cash for big yachts to race for in Boston waters.—Colonel Whitney chosen commander of the Second brigade, M. V. M.—Frank Ballard exonerated of charge of murder of Mrs. Jenkins at Lee Hook, N. H.—Intense rivalry in Fourth Maine congressional district.—Ice trust throws 7500 men out of work in Maine.

MONDAY, FEB. 25.

Long deadlock in Oregon legislature broken by election of John H. Mitchell for United States senator; has served three previous terms.—Force of Chinese troops routed by Germans, with heavy loss to former.—Ten of 13 entombed miners at Tuscaloosa, Ala., rescued alive.—Boers hard hit by French, much stock captured and 292 men killed and wounded; French lost 358 men.—Duke of Manchester becomes a Mystic Shriner at Cincinnati.—Many Methodist converts at Manila.—Stokes Mahan badly used up in fight at Malden, Mass.—Matthew P. Rose dies at Boston from drinking wood alcohol.—Fifty-sixth congress has made appropriations of \$1,487,203,457.—Mary Saitonstall, aged 3, dies at Milton, Mass., from burns received by overturning of oil stove.—Rev. Mr. Wilson, recently deposed from Lewiston, Me., church, addresses large and sympathetic audiences in public hall.—Hebrew rabbis of Boston place ban upon pie and cake, because lard is used.—Prince Karl of Croay, killed by peasant girl, commits suicide.—Private convent at Maelung, Mass., burned.—J. E. Butcher run into and instantly killed by electric car at Lexington, Mass., while driving on tracks.—Duke and Duchess of Marlboro to visit New York.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26.

Mystery of robbery of freight cars on Boston and Albany road solved by arrest of former brakeman; confesses and implicates others in theft of \$50,000 worth of property.—Catholic priests oppose Federalists in Philip pines; say their move is a "cloak for Protestantism"—Democrats attack Spooner's Philippine amendment in national senate; say it would make McKinley czar.—Philip J. O'Connell inaugurated mayor of Worcester, Mass.—Book publishers sign agreement to keep prices up.—England disciplining officers for blunders in South Africa.—Officials of Port Scott railroad system confirm reports of proposed reorganization.—Newly assigned Chinese inspector at Boston relieved from duty, and his predecessor recalled from Montreal to assist in an important investigation.—Rich strike of oil near El Paso, Tex.—Dispensary plan to be adopted in Hawaii.—Big strike on Le pine creek in the Klondike.—St. Joseph's orphanage at Whitinsville, Mass., burned.—One man fatally shot and another wounded in a liquor raid at Topeka.—Comptroller of Civil Service at New York.—Great waterpower canal, 50 miles long, planned for Duluth.—Mrs. Nation released from jail on bonds and will, for a day, edit a newspaper.—International bank, for the convenience of exporters, being planned in New York.—New York German-Americans condemn appointment of Devery and demand Van Wrek's removal.—The United States steel corporation, the Morgan-Carnegie combine, files articles of incorporation in New Jersey.—Porto Rican delegation in Washington to oppose new tax plan.—Italy will reduce duty on grain and price of salt.—Spanish police trying to quiet mob of Boers reported ready to surrender.—King Edward at Frankfurt greeted by the German emperor.—Boys, satisfied with China's edict, are now working on the question of indemnity.—Canadian and American capitalists forming a trust to control the salt out of Canada.

Weather Conditions and Forecast

Albany, Thursday, Feb. 28.
Sun rises—6:22; sets, 5:42.
Moon sets—3:15 a. m.; 7:45 p. m.
High water—7:15 a. m.; 7:45 p. m.
Generally fair weather is indicated for New England, with lower temperature. Fresh to brisk northwesterly winds will continue on the coast.

Chasing a Murder Suspect

New York, Feb. 27.—The Herald says: Detectives who have traced Dick Quinn, a notorious burglar, following him across the continent and back, expect in the near future to land him in a cell. Quinn will be charged with the murder of May L. Fosburg in Pittsfield, Mass.

Nothing Important Before Cabinet

Washington, Feb. 27.—The cabinet was in session about an hour yesterday, but no business of importance was transacted. Cuba, the Philippines and the Hay-Pauncefote treaty were not discussed, neither was the question of an extra session.

THOUSANDS LOOKED ON

While a Murderer Was Being Lynched at Terre Haute

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because I was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

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WE HOLD THE WESTERN GATEWAY

From seal of the city of North Adams.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEB. 27, 1901

ADVERTISERS in the Transcript are the best business men in the community. Their advertisements are worth reading and they are the firms with whom to trade most advantageously.

COL. BARBER ON PHILIPPINES

Colonel Merritt Barber, who has had exceptional opportunities to study the Filipino, favors the Transcript with an interesting interview containing some conclusions arrived at after about a year and a half's residence in the Philippines. Colonel Barber holds no rosy view of the Philippine situation and does not look upon the Filipino as a model citizen. However, he thinks time and patience and some American education will work out the destiny of the archipelago. It will be slow, this process of converting the Malay into the image of an American, but, as Colonel Barber says, civilization is not accomplished by mere fiat.

Colonel Barber pays his respects to the critics of those who are endeavoring to elevate the Filipino. He says: "This is our first attempt at colonial administration, you remember, except our own early beginnings, and success has attended other nations in this respect, as well as our own, only through struggles, controversy and the perpetual vilification of self-appointed statesmen in the rear, and as we had our forerunners during the revolution and our copperheads during the civil war, so now we have our waspish, constitutional pedagogues at our back, whose discordant brayings, like those of their assinine prototypes, only serve to advertise their own non-creative faculties."

Again: "Every single school house and every single mile of good roads built in that country is worth more to the Filipinos than every sentence of silly, sentimental drivel and drivel that has been coughed up through the columns of the Springfield Republican and newspapers of that persuasion."

LUCE ORDER ACCEPTED

The house of representatives of the state legislature has acted favorably on the Luce order, arriving at a general amending of the Massachusetts laws against stock watering. The order reads:

Ordered, that a joint special committee, to consist of 11 members of the house and such as the senate may join, be appointed to revise the general laws of the commonwealth pertaining to public service corporations and associations engaged in any business commonly done by public service corporations; and to consider the expediency of such legislation in amendment thereof and in addition thereto as will better protect the interests of the public, as affected by public service corporations and associations engaged in any business commonly done by public service corporations. Said committee shall be furnished with a room in the state house; its hearings shall be public; it shall have leave to employ a stenographer; shall be furnished with stationery and postage; may send for persons and papers; and shall report to the general court on or before April 10, next.

This order is the outcome of the fight over the proposed investigation of the Boston gas situation and the Massachusetts electric railroad monopoly, which controls a large part of the electric roads outside of Boston. Favorable action by the house does not imply that it will pass, of course, and it is stated that the senate is already prejudiced against it because of the conduct of some of its supporters. Supporters of the order gave the impression that it was reported by a joint committee, while only a house committee passed upon it.

It may be too much to hope for, but the house and senate should get together on this order, pass it, appoint a committee that would be thorough and then act promptly on the report of the committee.

There is opportunity for excellent public service under this order.

PROPOSED TERMS OF AGREEMENT WITH CUBA

Negotiations with Cuba will form perhaps the most important work of

the administration for the year and the proposed amendment to the army bill, under whose provisions they will probably be conducted, will become of deep general interest as things develop. The amendment reads:

That, in fulfillment of the declaration contained in the joint resolution approved April 26, 1898, entitled "For the recognition of the independence of the people of Cuba, demanding that the government of Spain relinquish its authority and government in the islands of Cuba, and to withdraw its land and naval forces from Cuba and Cuban waters, and directing the president of the United States to use the land and naval forces of the United States to carry these resolutions into effect," the president is hereby authorized to leave the government and control of the island of Cuba to its people so soon as a government shall have been established in said island under a constitution which, either as a part thereof or in any ordinance appended thereto, shall define the future relations of the United States with Cuba substantially as follows:

1.—That the government shall never enter into any treaty or other compact with any foreign power or powers which will impair or tend to impair the independence of Cuba, nor in any manner authorize or permit any foreign power or powers to obtain by colonization or for military or naval purposes or otherwise, lodgment in, or control over, any portion of said island.

2.—That said government shall not assume or contract any public debt, to pay the interest upon which and to make reasonable sinking fund provision for the ultimate discharge of which the ordinary revenues of the island, after defraying the current expenses of government, shall be inadequate.

3.—That the government of Cuba consents that the United States may exercise the right to intervene for the preservation of Cuban independence, the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty, and for discharging the obligations with respect to Cuba imposed by the treaty of Paris on the United States, now to be assumed and undertaken by the government of Cuba.

4.—That all acts of the United States in Cuba during its military occupancy thereof are ratified and validated, and all lawful rights acquired thereunder shall be maintained and protected.

5.—That the government of Cuba will execute, and as far as necessary extend, the plans already devised or other plans to be mutually agreed upon, for the sanitation of the cities of the island, to the end that a recurrence of epidemic and infectious diseases may be prevented, thereby assuring protection to the people and commerce of Cuba, as well as to the commerce of the southern ports of the United States and the people residing therein.

6.—That the Isle of Pines shall be omitted from the proposed constitutional boundaries of Cuba, the title thereto left to future adjustment by treaty.

7.—That to enable the United States to maintain the independence of Cuba, and to protect the people thereof, as well as for its own defense, the government of Cuba will sell or lease to the United States lands necessary for coaling or naval stations at certain specified points, to be agreed upon with the president of the United States.

8.—That by way of further assurance the government of Cuba will embody the foregoing provisions in a permanent treaty with the United States.

It is generally believed that these demands are reasonable and that Cuba will agree to them. It is clear that they are necessary to prevent a condition developing in Cuba such as was developed before the war with Spain. The matter of the Isle of Pines is some thing foreign to the central purpose of the demands. Spain included this island with Cuba in her administration, but there appears no reason why it should go to the Cuban republic. However, it may go to the Cuban republic by agreement in the negotiations that are to come.

Send in your letters to the governor in favor of a militia company in North Adams.

The abolition of capital punishment in Massachusetts does not come as easy as was expected. The house judiciary committee votes against it.

Worcester has inaugurated her first democratic mayor in a quarter of a century. Let republican North Adams keep that in mind. We must never get too far away from the people.

The million dollar Berkshire street railroad company has at last been granted a franchise. That the franchise comes from the exclusive town of Lenox is something of a surprise since that town has persistently refused to be wiled by the music of the street car gong. Now that the ice is broken, will the big company have clear sailing?

There must be keen interest taken in the report that General Botha is arranging with Lord Kitchener to surrender. This or worse must happen to the Boers very soon. Kitchener's organizing ability is appearing in the reports of the situation in South Africa though little has been said directly about the work of his generalship.

The first blood taken by course of law in China in explanation of the crimes against the foreigners was taken yesterday, when two Chinese officials were decapitated publicly in Peking on the demands of the powers. One of the condemned went to death stoically; the other was stupefied with opium. It is said that another two of the condemned conspirators have fulfilled the decree of compulsory suicide. Thus China bends to the powers.

We shall have to come to the conclusion that admirals are not the stuff to make diplomats out of. The silly conduct of Dewey on his arrival sadly dimmed a great name for the present generation and now Sampson appears to have blundered almost as badly as Dewey. Sampson has written a letter

in which he objects to certain naval promotions on the grounds that men in the ranks are generally unfitted from the point of view of social polish for the advancement. This letter earned for him in the United States senate yesterday the characterization of "conceited ass" and "arrant coward" and nobody seemed to have much disposition to object. The opinion is that this letter has killed all prospect of suitable rewards for Sampson, Schley and other Spanish war officers.

The Hunter's Song

The nipping wind is whistling and the gray clouds scurry by;
Upon the edges of the lakes the thin ice ribbons cling;
The morning breeze is sighing through the rushes, dead and dry,
And guns are gayly popping—for the ducks are on the wing.

The canvassack drops quickly from the clouds toward the lake;
From the marsh's weed-grown mud the lazy mallards swing;
The dainty tail flies swift and low when daylight's colors break,
And all the air seems throbbing—when the ducks are on the wing.

The drake's discordant clamor sounds across the wind-stirred flood;
And through the frosty, bracing air the countless pinions sing;
The old sand blind is waiting, and the jingle in our blood,
The red gods loud are calling—for the ducks are on the wing.

So get the twelve-bore ready; the old hunting coat as well;
Decoys and ammunition, boots and every needed thing;
Leave this dull world behind you for a while and go to dwell
Where nature bids you welcome and the ducks are on the wing.
—Colorado Springs Gazette.

LOCAL NEWS

WINDOWS BROKEN BY BLASTING

Local Suit on Trial in the Superior Court Today

The forenoon session of the superior court at Pittsfield was taken up yesterday with the case of August Reimann against the town of Peru. About a dozen witnesses were examined for the defense and the case went to the jury about 2 o'clock. A verdict was found for the plaintiff of \$239.80.

The rest of the day was occupied with the suit brought by Simon P. Blais, appellant, against Dolphis Beaulien, both of this city.

This is a suit for damages growing out of some blasting that the plaintiff did on his property two years ago. The plaintiff claims that the shock broke the windows of his house nearby and otherwise injured it. He claims his loss to have been about \$200, but in the district court in this city judgment was found for the defendant, from which the plaintiff appealed. Several witnesses were called during the afternoon and the case was still on at the time of adjournment.

In the two cases of George A. Weeks against Mary B. Hall Smith the defendant has defaulted and they have been taken from the list.

The list for today is as follows: George A. Weeks against Mary B. Hall Smith; Simon P. Blais, appellant, against Dolphis Beaulien; Agnes Dene by next friend, against Arnold print works; Father Mathew temperance society against John H. Mack and others; Anna McKee Spencer against Benjamin M. England and others; Hattie Worcester against Charles Pedersen; Norman B. Squires against John I. LeRoy; Charlotte Costa against Antonio Gabetta; John W. Corson against Charles Vincent, appellant; Annie E. Witherell against Ruth B. Millard; Margaret Gallagher against Arthur Follett; William Leab, appellant, against Frank I. Wilder and another; Richard O'Brien against Nancy W. Wharton, appellant.

Work at the Notch Gold Mine

Work is being pushed at the Lyons gold mine in the Notch. The engine, boiler and crusher have arrived and the boiler is being set. The amalgamators were expected to arrive today, and the grinder was bought in Boston, the engine from the Arnold print works, the engine in Pittsfield and the amalgamators from Glen Falls, N. Y. The machinery will be placed in position as soon as possible, and it is the hope and expectation of the company to have the mine in operation by April 1, though there may be delays that will make it a little later before the machinery can be started up.

Enough stock has been sold to cover the cost of the plant and leave a margin with which to begin operations, and the company feels that the outlook is in every respect as bright as could be asked for.

Pittsfield Police Report

Chief of Police Nicholson of Pittsfield has just made his report for the year. It shows 1033 arrests during the past year. In this city the number of arrests for the year ending November 30 was 1164. In Pittsfield there were 773 arrests for drunkenness, while in this city there were 635.

Chief Nicholson's report reviews the Fosburg case at length. The chief of police commends the assistance of Sheriff Fuller and the deputies, especially that of Deputies Fish, White, and Reynolds, who remained constantly on duty during the search for the Fosburg murderers. The services were rendered gratuitously by the deputies. The chief recommends that in addition to thanking them all costs they have necessarily incurred be paid to them. The chief acknowledges the assistance of M. H. Pease, James McKay, J. H. Whitney and George Dunham of the district police and the Pinkerton detective agency. The report recommends the establishment of a reserve police force similar to the one in this city.

VARNISH MAKES DEVOE'S VARNISH

Floor Paint cost 5c more a quart; makes it look brighter and wear twice as long as cheaper floor paints. Sold by Alderman & Carlisle, 64, W.

QUEER MONEY GANG

Rensselaer County Officers Expect to Follow Arrest With More Discoveries

WORKED THROUGH THIS SECTION

West Stephentown Mountains Finally Closed in on as Home of the Counterfeiters. First Thought Plant Was in Berkshire

What is looked upon as an important arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Horace F. Adams of Nassau Friday evening when he took into custody Adam Gearholt, who is accused of passing counterfeit coins. In the formal charge made against the prisoner it is stated that counterfeit coins were found on the person of Gearholt, who was captured in a rear room of his father's house in the mountains of West Stephentown. He was taken to jail and Saturday was arraigned before United States Commissioner Landon. Bail was fixed at \$1500 and the case was adjourned until next Friday morning. Gearholt was confident his father would furnish the required bail.

According to the officers this is the first of many arrests that must follow as several persons are engaged in circulating base coin in the eastern section of that county. Of late the amount of counterfeit coin in circulation in that section has made a material increase and there is a suspicion in the minds of the officers that Stephentown or vicinity is the base of operations for a gang of counterfeiters.

Gearholt was arrested last August for stealing a horse from E. H. Griffin, a hotel keeper at Stephentown. Gearholt had taken the horse into this state, where the arrest was made. The search which was then made of his person brought to light three coins of lead resembling half dollars. The horse case was settled, but he was arrested on the counterfeit charge.

Gearholt, who speaks with a slightly foreign accent, when seen Saturday vehemently protested his innocence of the charge. When he was asked where he obtained the coins he said:

"Somebody must have given me the money. I didn't make it."

He admits having passed it, but says he does not know where he procured it. He has been arrested several times previously for theft.

The arrest and arraignment of Gearholt were conducted very quietly, and on the surface the case appeared to be one of the ordinary kind. After the temporary disposition of the prisoner Deputy United States Marshall Irving stated that there was more to the case than the government's agents cared to reveal just at present. He, with other secret service officers has been busy on the case for some time. They knew that a mint for the manufacture of spurious coin, nickels and quarters and half dollars, for which this section was the outlet, was in operation somewhere in the Berkshires.

The secret service men have been trailing bad coin for a month from this city, Troy, Albany, Pittsfield, Chatham, Hudson, Hoosick Falls, Berlin village and finally West Stephentown hamlet, and have, they believe finally hedged it in the West Stephentown mountains. The amount of bogus coin sent out from the mint is estimated at several thousand dollars, and the distributors have been largely just such unsophisticated looking backwoods fellows as Gearholt. They could "shove it" with less danger than the showy looking fellow.

"It is awful easy to shove a bad quarter in a cheap barroom or restaurant," said one of the officers working on the case.

"We hope to make a revelation in a day or two which will be startling," said Marshall Irving. "We are on the track of one of the boldest and most successful counterfeit games played hereabouts in years. We know almost to a certainty that counterfeit money is being or has been made in the West Stephentown mountains. Those making the queer are not mountaineers. They are experts, but they have sought refuge there because they knew the desperate character of that section and because they are protected by men who have given the authorities of Rensselaer county no end of trouble. These experts make the coins and men like Gearholt put them in circulation."

It is now believed that the counterfeit quarters and dimes which gave this city a scare a year or so ago were from the West Stephentown source.

CAPTAIN CROSIER HONORED

Presented With Medal and Cup by Colonel E. P. Clark

A meeting of the staff, field and line officers, of the Second regiment for instructions in regard to the coming state inspection, was held at the headquarters in Springfield yesterday afternoon. The work of the past year was talked over and suggestions for improvement before the inspection were made.

The inspection will be much more rigid than the regimental inspections and the officers were instructed to put their companies in the best form. A company of Greenfield will be inspected Friday evening and the inspection of headquarters will be held March 11. The dates for the other inspections will be announced later.

Captain George J. Crosier of Adams, who is in the class of distinguished marksmen and a member of the state team of sharpshooters, was presented a gold medal and silver cup in addition to the regular sharpshooter's medal, by Colonel E. P. Clark. Company M has probably as distinguished marksmen at the state shoot than any other company in the regiment. Those who have won special medals are Maj. A. I. Whipple, Captain H. O. Hicks and Captain George J. Crosier, Privates Charles Delancy and James C. Cadigan.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to return my sincere thanks to the friends whose sympathy was expressed in my recent bereavement. I wish to thank the members of the Eastern Star, and other friends for their floral tributes. All acts of kindness done for me in days of affliction will be remembered with a grateful heart.
Mrs. Merrill H. Whitney.

THE SIZE OF BOTTLES

Correspondent's Suggestions for Liquor as Well as Milk Bottles

Local correspondent in Springfield Republican:

The milk dealers in this city, in common with those in other parts of the state, are being put to a great amount of inconvenience and trouble by the law relating to the bottles used by many of them in the delivery of milk. The law says these bottles must hold just the amount they purport to, no more, no less, and in this city the inspector is now busy finding out whether they do or not. All bottles that fall short, even to the most trifling extent, are condemned, which is perhaps proper, even where the shortage is so little that no fault is found by the buyers of milk; but what seems very peculiar is that bottles that over-run, to any noticeable extent, are also condemned. Neither buyers nor sellers can understand why, if any man is willing to deliver more of any article than he is paid for, the state should consider it necessary to interfere, but such is the case, so far as milk is concerned, as Inspector Nichols understands the law, and he is conducting his inspection accordingly. In view of the situation one cannot escape the question why, if the state is so greatly concerned in the matter of weights and measures as this would indicate, some attention is not paid to whisky bottles, which, as everybody knows, are notoriously under size. To say that the less whisky a man gets for his money the better off he is, is no answer to this question. It is perfectly proper to maintain that when a man orders a pint or half a pint of whisky and pays for it, the goods should be delivered, but if he leaves it to the saloon man or the druggist to furnish the bottle he never gets full measure. It is difficult for the ordinary individual to understand why such a fuss should be made over bottles holding milk at six cents a quart, while nothing is done about the bottles for whisky, which retails for from 50 to 80 cents a pint. And while discussing this subject reference may properly be made to the question of purity. State officers are constantly on the lookout for oleomargarine or a package of spice or coffee that is not strictly pure, though perhaps perfectly harmless, and the man who is caught selling it has to suffer. But, in this city at least, we never hear anything about inspecting the liquors that are sold in almost unlimited quantity. They are for whatever they happen to be, fire-water fresh from the still, rum, oil, drugs, chemicals, or anything else, all put up in very short bottles, and no inspection seems to be considered necessary in this particular field. Possibly if the milkmen and grocers were as good politicians as the liquor dealers it might make a difference, but, whatever the reason, the distinction is such as to compel attention when the subject of weights, measures and purity is brought up. It has been very different in this city for some years past to get ice that was considered fit for family use. The water comes down from the mountains, and is, of course, liable to be impure; but the whisky and the beer, these are all right, if we may judge by the severe way in which they are let alone by the inspectors. The man who pronounced consistency a jewel must have done so with reference to politics solely.

RETURN OF THE 26TH

Will Start March 15. Colonel Rice's Promotion

A dispatch to the Boston Globe from its Washington correspondent says that the 26th regiment, United States volunteers, will sail from Manila for this country on the transport Garonne March 15, and will arrive at San Francisco about April 15. It has not as yet been decided whether the regiment will be discharged when it reaches San Francisco or whether it will remain intact until it reaches Plattsburg, N. Y., where the regiment was recruited.

"While the president would give no definite promise to appoint Lieutenant Colonel Rice a brigadier general of volunteers," Congressman Weymouth is credited with saying, "the fact that he knew Colonel Rice's brilliant record and the value of his services, he said that he would give the matter careful consideration. There will be, I understand, a few promotion made in the volunteer service very soon. These promotions will leave open the position of brigadier general, and Senators Lodge and Hoar and myself hope to be able to secure this appointment for Colonel Rice. He is now a lieutenant colonel in the volunteer army, and if we are successful in obtaining for him a brigadier general's commission in the volunteer army when the volunteer branch of the service is discontinued, June 30, we shall endeavor to have him made a brigadier general in the regular army."

BLACKINTON

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vanauten returned home to Cohoes, N. Y., Monday after a short visit with friends in this city.

The juvenile members of the Father Mathew society will give a graphophone entertainment in Temperance hall this evening.

Misses Ella and Marion Washburn arrived home Monday after a visit with friends in Lawrence.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?

The question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! No baking! Add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors:—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers, 10 cents.

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The White Sale

The White Sale is nearing its close, Table Linens, Towels, Sheetting, Bed Spreads, etc.

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Don't forget our nice assortment of Undermuslins. Night gowns, 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1, all special numbers.

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Ladies' mercerized Petticoats, black and colors, at 98 cents.

Ladies' mercerized Petticoats, with deep accordion pleating, at \$1.25.

Crayon Portraits—Regular studio work, Free. Ask for purchasing ticket.

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New Silk Waists in black and colors, \$2.98 to \$8.50.

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New Shirt Waists

The new Shirt Waists are here, 98 cents to \$4.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A complete traveler's guide, with railroad, street railway and postoffice timetable will be found on page 4.

News items of interest are gladly received by the Transcript, and should be left at the office as early in the day as possible.

Communications on live topics are solicited by the Transcript. They must be in every case by accompanied by the names of the writers (not necessarily for publication if good reason for withholding them is shown) and must be brief to insure publication.

Notices of meetings and events intended for the "Tonight's Events" department must be left at the office by 10 o'clock in the morning to insure insertion.

The Transcript's telephone number for counting room and news department is 230.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1795—General Francis Marion, Revolutionary hero of South Carolina, died; born 1732.
1827—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, poet, born in Portland, Me.; died 1882.
1810—John Gibbs Gilbert, American actor, born in Boston; died 1880.
1823—Joseph Ernest Renan, dactylar writer and orientalist scholar, born in Brittany, France; died 1892.
1850—Elias Hicks, founder of the so-called Hicks-Quakers, died at Jericho, N. Y.; born 1784.
1850—Philip Barton Key killed in Washington City by Hon. (since General) Daniel E. Sickles.
1859—General Thomas A. Buegram, the Confederate defender of Fort Sumter, died in Charleston.
1869—Sarah Jewett, once noted on the American stage, died at Cambridge, Mass.
1900—General Cronje surrendered his army to Lord Roberts at Paardeburg after a stubborn resistance of eight days' duration; about 5,000 Boers surrendered.

TONIGHT'S EVENTS

Richmond theater—"Down Mobile." Royal Arcanum ladies' night. Junior Success club meets at Y. M. C. A. Unitah Rebekah lodge meets. Woman's relief corps meets. Carpenters' union meets. Daughters of Erin meet.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

Local News on Pages 4, 5 and 6

—James McBride of Boston is the guest of George White.

—Mrs. R. Simon, who has been ill for some time, is recovering.

—S. B. Fay of Springfield, general agent of the Connecticut Mutual insurance company, was in the city today.

—The date chosen for the firemen's ball is April 16 instead of April 25, as was printed by misstatement in yesterday's issue.

—In police court this morning one drunk had his case continued and one who was arrested last night was released without arraignment.

—Joe Hood, the pool expert, played last evening and left today for Greenfield. He was much pleased with his reception in North Adams.

—M. V. Meade's dancing class at Wilmington, Vt., gave a reception last night, which was attended by 60 couples, and it was one of the conspicuous social occasions of the season in that town.

—The regular meeting of the Elks was held Tuesday evening and six candidates were initiated. The exhibition of pool playing by Joe Hood was very interesting and the expert received deserved applause.

—The funeral of Rev. John P. O'Garra in Springfield yesterday was attended by about 60 priests and prelates of the diocese. The services were held in the cathedral and Bishop Beveler celebrated pontifical office mass.

—Dr. Matte's office rooms on Church street have undergone a thorough renovation. New paint and paper have been applied to the walls and wood work, electric lights have been put in and the rooms present a very neat and attractive appearance.

—The funeral of Mrs. J. M. Gavitt, whose death was reported in this paper yesterday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at her late home on West Main street. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. L. Tenney and the burial will be in Williamstown.

—The following vividly expressed challenge is sent to this office for publication: "As we have been repeatedly refused a game vs. the St. Joseph Juniors would like to play the Mark Hopkins basketball team at Odd Fellows hall or at the gymnasium, for fun, money or marbles."

—A meeting of the executive committee of the Hoosac Valley Agricultural society will be held at the Wilson March 10, at 10 a. m., to prepare the premium list for the next fair. The secretary of the society, George H. Keane, is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness, and he walked down town from his home on Holbrook street yesterday and today. His many friends will be very glad to learn of his improvement.

—The concert of the Universalist church tomorrow evening by the Ithaca controversy of music concert company will be under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U. The concert is given by a group of pupils and instructors, the company is sent out by the conservatory to make it better known throughout New England. The program to be presented is one of unusual merit, and the concert promises to be an excellent one. The concert has received warm praise wherever it has been given.

Beaver Street to be Closed

The lower Beaver bridge has arrived, and is being taken today to the place where it will be put up. Beaver street will be closed for a few hours tomorrow afternoon, and for a similar time either Saturday or Monday afternoon, while the girders are being put in place.

Strikers Return to Work

The half dozen mule-spinners who left the Eagle mill yesterday returned to work this afternoon, and there was no further trouble. At the office of the Windsor company this afternoon it was said that no complaint was made by the employees to show why they left, and that they had no grievance that could be learned.

Troubles of the Water Department

A joint on the 14 inch water main on State street blew out this morning, and while it was being repaired the water from the notch reservoir was shut off for about an hour today. The damage was not heavy.

A gate box on Holden street between Main and Center was found to be leaking this morning, and the street will probably have to be dug up.

Williams-Dartmouth Debate

Of the questions submitted by Dartmouth college for the annual debate between the two colleges, Williams has chosen the following: "Resolved, That the second clause of the second section of the fourteenth amendment should be stricken from the constitution." The clause refers to slavery. Williams will have the negative side of the question and its debaters will be Stowland Haynes, '03, of Worcester, Rowland Hastings, '03, of Worcester and Earl F. Drake '01, of Chicago.

History of the Hoosac Tunnel

The annual meeting of the Pocumtuck valley memorial association was held in Greenfield yesterday, and ex-Senator H. C. Parsons read a paper on the history of the Hoosac Tunnel. It was largely devoted to the early railroad plans as they were presented to the Massachusetts legislature, and the development from ideas of the tunnel project. The crude ideas of the early commissioners seem amusing. Stage routes were planned first, and then a railroad was advocated. The development of the tunnel idea, and the difficulties overcome, were set forth in a highly entertaining manner.

Child Scalded by Hot Soup

The 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Giroux of North Church street was badly scalded (11 forenoon. He grasped the handle of a dish in which pea soup was cooking on the stove and pulled the dish over, spilling the contents on himself. His right arm and side were seriously scalded. The accident happened at 10 o'clock, and it was 1 o'clock before the services of a physician could be secured. The doctors all being out on their morning calls. The child was attended by Dr. Brosseau. The injury, though serious, is not considered dangerous.

Driving Accident Victims

The eight victims of the driving accident who are at the hospital were reported this afternoon as all doing well, and it is expected that some of the least injured can leave the hospital soon.

There have been many visitors to see the patients, and as it is the desire of the doctors to keep them as quiet as possible, some of those who have gone to the hospital have not been able to see friends. It is suggested that it would be better for visitors to wait a few days until the patients have more thoroughly recovered from the shock. The Williamstown authorities yesterday placed a large tree in place of the broken fence, to save teams from going over at that point.

Girls Will Play Basketball

The girls' basketball team of Drury and the Pittsfield high school will play a game in the Mark Hopkins gymnasium in this city Saturday afternoon. This will be the first time that the teams have met this year, and there is much interest in the game. No men will be permitted to witness the game, while a small admission fee will probably be charged. The teams met twice last year, once in this city and once in Pittsfield, and victory rested with the local girls on both occasions. The game in this city was won by the score of 16 to 0, and the game in Pittsfield by the score of 4 to 2.

The probable line-up for the Drury team will be as follows: 1, Annie Kelley; 2, Bertha Clark; 3, Leah Curtis; 4, Mary Brown; 5, Helen Curtis. Miss Kelley is captain, and is the only member of the team not a freshman.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Ellen Crandall

Mrs. Ellen Crandall, aged 65 years, died yesterday afternoon at the home of C. H. Everingham on Yale street. She had been in feeble health for some years, and had been sick for the past year and a half. She had been illing rapidly for some time past and the news of her death was no surprise to those who were close to her condition. Mrs. Crandall was born in Chesterfield, N. H., and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rouse. She came to this city to live many years ago, and had been a member of the Baptist church for 25 years or more. She was a woman of strong Christian faith and high character, and had a large number of friends. Her husband, Edward Crandall, died 18 years ago. She leaves a brother and two sisters, M. R. Rouse and Miss Sarah M. Rouse of this city, and Mrs. D. R. Field of Adams.

The funeral will be held at the Baptist church pastors Friday afternoon Rev. J. H. Spencer officiating.

CHESHIRE

Charles Lovejoy of Pittsfield has purchased the tin shop and business of W. H. Morgan of this town and will take possession March 1st. The terms of the sale were private. Mr. Morgan has been in business in Cheshire for 31 years, coming here from Williamstown in 1870. Mrs. Frank Singleton of Middletown, Conn., is the guest of Miss R. V. Wood. Miss Geggatt of Long Plain is the guest of her sister Mrs. Orrin Martin. The ladies of the Universalist church will hold a social at Mrs. Edgar Chase's tonight. Miss Nellie Connelly and Miss Margaret Mullen of Cheshire have been visiting Miss Nora Sullivan. The ladies aid society meets at Mrs. F. A. Martin's Friday. The ladies' mission circle will be held with Mrs. Nathan Harkness Thursday. The annual election of officers will be held. A Universalist social was held at Mrs. Edgar Chase's Tuesday evening and was well attended. Miss Jessie Farnum won the prize in the guessing contest.

TO ARREST QUINN

Fosburg Family Think He Will Soon Be Caught By Detectives

WILL BE CHARGED WITH MURDER

R. L. Fosburg Says He Has Gathered Evidence That Makes It Certain That Quinn is the Man Who Is Wanted to Save His Son

The New York Herald today prints the following: Detectives who have traced "Dick" Quinn, a notorious burglar, from one part of the country to another, following him across the continent and back, expect in the near future to find him in a cell. Quinn will be charged with the murder of May L. Fosburg in Pittsfield, Mass., last August, for which crime an indictment was found against the girl's brother Robert.

It is possible that Quinn is now in New York, though those who are most intent upon bringing about his arrest refuse to admit that they believe so.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lloyd Fosburg and their son, the young man whose indictment was brought about by the Massachusetts authorities, are now in New York, to meet Mrs. Fosburg's brother, who arrived home from Europe last night on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse.

Mr. Fosburg last night said: "Not alone have we been able to learn the flimsy pretext upon which the indictment of Robert was based, but we have gathered evidence which makes it practically certain that 'Dick' Quinn was one of the burglars who entered our house and who shot and killed my daughter. Robert's innocence will be completely demonstrated in court. That we know, and so we are all bending our every energy to bring about the arrest of the man who is, I believe, guilty of the murder. I cannot tell you what is being done, but I will say that I believe an important move will be made in the near future."

"Do I know upon what the prosecution bases its hope of convicting my son? Yes, to a certain extent I do. The first suggestion that entered the mind of Chief of Police Nicholson that Robert and not a burglar killed May, was the result of a chance remark made by my boy to his sister at a moment of great mental excitement."

"Our testimony at the inquest was made to lend color to the theory that we were concealing something. An angle was taken to prove that a shot had not been fired from the exact spot that we believe to have been, and this indictment followed."

"However, that will all be settled in court. It is now my one desire to apprehend Quinn, whom I believe to be my daughter's murderer. This view is shared by police of the towns surrounding Pittsfield, many of whom are assisting me."

Axenfield-Kalen Wedding

There was a pretty Hebrew wedding at the synagogue in this city Tuesday evening when Miss Dora, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Axenfield and Morris L. Kalen, were married by Rabbi Bloch. The ceremony was at 8 o'clock and the synagogue was crowded with friends and spectators. The bridesmaids were Misses Mollie Axenfield, sister of the bride and Miss Hilda Braun, the bride's cousin. The groomsmen were Israel Abraham and A. Rudnick. The bride and attendants were all dressed in white and wore white veils.

After the ceremony a reception was held in Division 4, A. O. H. hall on Eagle street where refreshments were served and dancing was enjoyed. The Mansfield sisters furnished music. The newly married couple led the grand march, followed by their relatives.

The bride is well known here and is a member of the Daughters of Israel and prominent in Hebrew circles. The groom is an agent for life insurance and is employed by the Prudential life insurance company at its office in this city. They received many beautiful wedding gifts, consisting of silverware and household articles. The couple will reside on Walnut street.

There were about 300 people at the reception and about 100 were out-of-town guests, from Adams, Bennington, Vt., Hoosick Falls, Troy and Albany, N. Y.

The Nurses' Home Reception

Editor of the Transcript: The addition to the hospital which has been built this winter, has added so much to the capacity and convenience of the institution that the ladies of the board of control are anxious to have all interested friends visit and inspect the building. A series of receptions, on Mondays in March, from 3 o'clock to 9 o'clock p. m., will be held. The distance of the hospital, and the possible inclement weather at this season might cause one day to prove unfavorable and the ladies decided therefore to hold several receptions, when six of the board will receive, answer questions and call attention to the much appreciated improvements. It is hoped that all friends of the institution will avail themselves of at least one of these occasions to become familiar with the work of the hospital.

HELEN J. C. BUTLER, Secretary.

Will Shut Light from Tracks

The street railway has been testing a new curtain to be stretched across the front of the car, just back of the motor-man, the purpose being to shut the light from the car off from the motor-man so that it will be easier for him to see the track ahead. The curtains worked well, and have been ordered for all the cars. They are drawn from the sides to the center of the front doors, and slide back and forth with the doors.

Fosburg Talks With Chief Pilon

R. S. Fosburg, in company with a detective, was at Great Barrington this week. They interviewed Chief Pilon, and took considerable interest in his theory of the case which was recently given to the reporters in great detail.

TOOK PARIS GREEN AND DIED

William Gardner Ended His Life Last Evening with Poison

William Gardner, 29 years old, took Paris green last evening about 7 o'clock and died a little more than four hours later. Gardner lived at the home of his father, Alonzo Gardner, on South State street. He went to bed about 7 and nothing was heard of him for half an hour. Then a member of the family went to the room and found him suffering from the effects of the poison. A newly opened box of Paris green, partially empty, was on a table and showed what he had done.

Dr. Starford was at once sent for, and with a stomach pump succeeded in removing much of the poison from the stomach. He then had Gardner removed to the hospital. His condition grew more critical steadily and he died at about 11:30. Members of his family were present when he died.

Gardner was born in this city and had always lived here. He had a long police court record, drunkenness being his stumbling block. Liquor was partially responsible for his death last night, alcohol which he had taken yesterday having paralyzed the stomach muscles so that they did not act. He took about four large table spoonsful of the powder, enough to have been an overdose and to have been thrown up had he been in normal condition. This also made it impossible to clean the stomach thoroughly with the stomach pump.

Gardner was a tin peddler and was married in 1891. He leaves besides his wife, parents and brothers and sisters, four children, the oldest of whom is about nine years.

Drink and family disagreements are supposed to have influenced him to take the poison.

The body was taken to the undertaking rooms of Simmons & Carpenter, and the arrangements for the funeral had not been made this afternoon.

Adams Water Main Brake

The large water main near the Renfrew company's pond burst this afternoon. The water for the entire town of Adams was shut off but it was hoped to repair the break this afternoon.

News of the Theaters

Keller the wonderful did tricks at the Richmond last evening before an audience that tested the capacity of the house. There was hardly a vacant seat and many stood. The performance was as always a thoroughly enjoyable one, and although there were very few features that were not in last year's performance, it was thoroughly enjoyed, except by the victims of Keller's tendency to find handkerchiefs and money in other people's pockets. During his mind reading tests David Russell and W. B. Arnold were called to the stage by the audience to assist him. During the exhibition of the magic clock Mr. Keller referred to the report in yesterday's Transcript of the difficulty the clock got him into in Waterbury, Conn., where its decision as to the day of Washington's birth was disputed on account of the change in time reckoning. Mr. Keller said that while he offered \$500 for any Waterbury charity if the clock was wrong, he was not yet convinced of that fact. He also said that when he was convinced of it, he should not give the money to any charity that the man who caught him named, but to any charity that the mayor of the city should name, as he agreed to do.

"Down Mobile," a Lincoln J. Carter melodrama, presented with what is said to be rather more than the ordinary Lincoln J. Carter attention to excitement, is the bill at the Richmond this evening. It presents a southern story, with various elaborate settings.

THE PLAYHOUSE.

James J. Corbett entered the ranks of the vaudeville recently at a Cincinnati theater.

"Way Down East" bids fair to have a rival in "Lovers' Lane," the new Clyde Flick play.

Yvette Guilbert, who has just recovered from her long illness, has announced her permanent retirement from the stage.

Marie Tempest, according to rumor, is in negotiation with numberless American managers regarding her reappearance.

J. H. Stoddard has the reputation of having been on the stage longer than any notable actor living, not excepting Joseph Jefferson.

Felix, the Paris modist, was granted judgment recently for the amount of more than \$2,000 against Mrs. Carter for dresses supplied for her role of "Zaza."

Madeleine Lucette Ryley has written a drama which Forbes Robertson and Gertrude Elliott will produce during their spring season at the London Comedy theater.

There is absolutely no truth in the published statement that Joseph Jefferson contemplates retiring from the stage. About once each year this denial is made necessary.

It is not generally known that the role of Flambeau, the old grenadier of the guard in "Alfion," was written for Coquelin, although he never played it until in New York.

The Park theater in Philadelphia has hit upon a unique scheme, the success of which remains to be seen. Young women are the users at that playhouse. They wear black gowns and lace caps.

M. B. Curtis, the original "Sam of Posen" is master of nine languages besides English. He has spent a number of years in southern Europe and Asia and has resided for months at a time in Manila and Honolulu.

FOWLS AND THEIR FRUIT.

To fatten geese give boiled oats with salt three times a day.

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HARFINA SOAP

HAIR HEALTH

A Sarcasitic Professor. A good story is going the rounds at Columbia regarding one of the sarcastic professors, who was recently conducting an oral examination in a very scientific study. There was one student—handsome, easy and self possessed—who appeared to be utterly ignorant of the simplest phases of the subject. Professor W. put question after question to him without receiving one intelligent reply.

Finally the student said naively, with just a touch of reproach: "I'm very unfortunate, professor. You never ask me anything I know."

The professor said nothing, but gravely tore off a tiny piece of paper from a convenient pad. "Here, Mr. B.," he said, handing it to the student, "write all you know; take plenty of time; there's no hurry."—New York Times.

An Artist's Excuse.

Lady (who has pestered artist with questions for hours)—All your marine pictures represent the sea as being calm. Why don't you paint a storm once in awhile? Artist—We painters in oil can't paint a storm. I have often outlined a storm on the canvas, but as soon as I begin to spread on the oil colors the waves subside, and the sea becomes as calm as a duck pond.

Lady—Yes, I've read about the effect oil has in calming the waves, but I had no idea it was so effective as all that.

Strategy.

Smartie—I don't suppose you want to borrow \$5 or \$10?

Lamb—No; fact is I'm unusually flush just at present.

Smartie—Isn't that nice? By the way, I suppose you can accommodate with a twenty? Awfully glad to have met you.

—Boston Transcript.

The Main Point.

Wife—I have been shopping all day and saw nothing that I really wanted.

Husband (sighing)—What did you get that you didn't want?—Harper's Bazar.

Water in a shallow pan in a sheltered place will freeze even when the thermometer is above the freezing point. This is due to the rapid loss of heat of the earth after nightfall.

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WILLIAMSTOWN

LECTURE ON THE FRENCH PRESS

M. Gaston Deschamps, literary critic of the Paris Temps, lectured in Jesup hall last evening on "The French press of the nineteenth century." M. Deschamps began by speaking of the news papers of the early years, how they were not newspapers as we know them at the present time, but merely pamphlets dealing with the leading questions of the day. Napoleon was censor of all such publications and none were published without his signature of approval. The lecturer then spoke of the succeeding great journalists of the century, Chateaubriand, Hugo and Emile Bourgeois. In the last twenty years the French press has changed wonderfully. It has developed from a paper dealing only with public affairs and happenings to one dealing with the affairs of the most private nature, and there is some doubt as to whether the change is for the better. In France there are no great dailies publishing hourly editions, but only one edition is issued each day. In conclusion, M. Deschamps said that the greatest need of the French and European press of today is more freedom. There was a large attendance at the lecture and at the close many met the distinguished visitor.

WANTED TO EXCHANGE TICKETS

A notice was printed in one of the local papers a short time ago that the Boston and Maine railroad would redeem all Fitchburg railroad tickets and mileage books if presented before March 1 and many people have applied at the local office during the past few days to have tickets and mileage books exchanged. Station Agent Houghton has received no orders authorizing him to take any old tickets and has therefore been compelled to refuse to make good the tickets. No notice has been posted that Fitchburg tickets would not be good after March 1 and it is not believed that they will be refused if presented after that time.

TIMELY DISCOVERY OF FIRE.

A fire in the second story of the house of Prof. Frank Goodrich, who lives near Mission park was discovered Sunday afternoon just in the nick of time. The chimney had been blazing and after the fire had been extinguished some one saw smoke issuing from a second story window. Prof. Goodrich hastened to the place and found a room enveloped in smoke. Some wet blankets and fire extinguishers were secured and the flames extinguished without the aid of the fire department. The fire was caused by the chimney fire, there being a stove-pipe hole in the chimney which had been covered with paper instead of a thimble.

ELECTRIC CAR DELAYED.

The first electric car was delayed about 20 minutes on the up trip yesterday morning by a freight train breaking apart at the station crossing. The train broke apart in the center and the head end proceeded as far as Blackinton before the break was discovered. The engine backed to this place and coupled to the rear of the train and then went on.

WILL BE MARRIED AT EASTER.

Announcement has been made of the approaching wedding of Dr. F. H. Howard, a member of the Williams college faculty and a practicing physician, and Miss McClellan of New York city. Miss McClellan is a niece of General McClellan of the civil war and is well known in town, having visited here a short time ago. Dr. Howard is instructor of anatomy and hygiene in Williams and occupies the office of the late Dr. Woodbridge.

SOUTHWORTH AVENUE HOUSE SOLD.

The property on Southworth avenue owned by Harry Noyes, consisting of a house and lot, has been bought by Harvey P. Cole. The house was erected by Mr. Noyes, who lived there until about one year ago, when it was rented to Dr. C. D. Tefft. Mr. Cole will move into the house in the spring. The price paid for the property was \$3500.

WILL OPEN WALL PAPER STORE.

A firm to be known as Noyes Bros. has rented the store in Brown block which was formerly occupied by the Rich Press and a wall paper store will be opened there. The firm consists of Newell Noyes and Edgar Noyes, brothers, both of whom are painters and paper hangers. They have already received 3000 rolls of paper and will open their store very soon.

A SIGN OF SPRING.

Samuel Cheney, an engineer in the railroad yard, saw a woodchuck playing in the lots near the railroad yard yesterday. The animal spent a large part of the forenoon running about and did not return to his burrow until frightened.

CLOSING YEAR'S BUSINESS

The selectmen will meet this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of closing up the yearly accounts of the town. Orders will be issued for outstanding debts. The work on the town books and town report will begin immediately after.

A LECTURE REPEATED.

Rev. H. B. Foskett repeated his lecture on "Yellowstone park and the bad lands of Wyoming and the Dakotas" in the Baptist church at Sweet's corners last evening. Several from the center of the town were present and there was a good attendance. Mr. Fos-

NOT FOR PASSENGERS.

Trolley Car Telephone For Weeks Instead of Messages.

They were almost the only occupants of the swiftly moving suburban trolley which ran from Southworth avenue to the Jersey hills to the Hudson, when the trolley reached the great city by ferryboat. "They were husband and wife. You could tell that from the way they talked. One did not have to be a Sherlock Holmes to infer that he was on his way to business and that she was coming in for a day's shopping. Both had been over the same route many times before, so the familiarity of the Jersey landscape did not impress them. For some reason or other she turned around in her seat and began to study the other end of the car."

"John, will you look at that?" she exclaimed suddenly.

John looked in the direction indicated, but failed to see anything of startling nature. "Look at what?" he demanded.

"There's a telephone back there," she gasped. "Who ever heard of a telephone in a street car before?"

There was no mistaking it. The telephone was there, securely fastened to the wall beside the rear door. For once John was not ready with an explanation.

"I think it's a fine idea," began the wife. "Just think, if you've forgotten something you can telephone back for it without getting out of the car."

There was silence for a moment, then she began again:

"John, I've forgotten something. I meant to tell Mary to give Cecil that cough medicine."

"Cecil hasn't any cough," insisted the husband.

"But I'm afraid he will have. There's so much grip around. I'll telephone to her about it."

John knew there was no need of telephoning, but he said nothing about it. He had been married a long time, and he had learned a thing or two. His wife went to the conductor without delay.

"I am sorry, madam, but it's a private line, only to be used in case we break down and have to telephone for a wrecking car," was the conductor's answer to her request.

She did not quite understand, and John went back to ask more questions. The conductor told him that the idea originated in the brain of the general manager of a line out of St. Louis. He showed him two slender wires which ran along the poles at the side of the road. He pointed out a bamboo fishing pole which had two metal hooks at the upper end. Then he continued:

"To connect with the telephone in the car I hang the fish pole over the top wire and attach that long coil of wire which hangs over the receiver. We can get the barn inside of two minutes, and it has saved an hour or two of valuable time in the last two weeks."—New York Tribune.

WAYS OF THE FOREST PEOPLE.

Wild Animals Have to Work Hard For Food and Lodging.

Paul B. Du Chailu was speaking of his experiences in Africa one day and happened to refer to animals as talking.

"You think animals talk, then?" asked one of his hearers. "Does a monkey, for instance, have a certain word or expression for water?"

"Probably not for water," said Mr. Du Chailu, "because monkeys in their natural state very seldom if ever drink water. They eat berries and fruits which contain water. But there is no doubt that animals talk in certain ways among themselves."

"I have watched gorillas a great deal. They have some humor in their make up. A number of times I have seen gorillas go to the plain fields of the natives to forage. Sometimes they would get there after a herd of elephants had struck the fields, and when a herd of elephants get through with a plain field there isn't much left on the field. Everything is trampled down flat. Well, I have seen gorillas come up to a field which had been thus devastated, and I have heard them laugh and snort for several minutes at the idea that they had been forestalled by the elephants. I could imagine an old gorilla saying:

"'Tia, ha! That's a good joke! We knew these poor natives were growing plantains here, and we had just been keeping our eyes on the spot until the fruit should be ripe. And to think those big elephants got in ahead of us. Isn't that a good joke, though?"

"I have heard one gorilla call another which was seen on a tall miller tree, and when the first had found some berries in profusion, and I have seen monkeys apparently deliberate among themselves for a long time before making some move. That reminds me that animals have to work hard to get a living even in forests where there is an abundance of vegetation. Some animals travel miles every day to get food and then have all sorts of trouble in picking out a safe spot in which to rest for the night."

where the elephants have hard work in selecting a spot to rest. They seem to have the same hatred for snakes that human beings and most animals have. They will carefully trample around over a large section to drive away or kill snakes or small animals that may be around."—New York Sun.

Made the Text Apply.

A resident of New York named Hugh Hawthorne had a number of bank notes between the leaves of his Bible and found that it must be a hardened criminal indeed who would look for material wealth instead of spiritual riches among the sacred pages. But just such a thief discovered the money. However, he took only \$25 of the \$55 there.

Before leaving Hawthorne's room the thief made several alterations in the scriptural text. Under one of the bank notes he discovered the golden rule, and with his lead pencil he made it read: "Do others, or they will do you." At another point he added a few words to the commandment and substantiated his particular conduct in this manner: "Thou shalt not steal more than enough for current expenses."

Entitled to Half Rate.

Beggar—Please give a poor old blind man a dime.

Citizen—Why, you can see out of one eye.

Beggar—Well, then, give me a nickel—Chicago News.

Umbrellas are rarely seen in Forta. Peru. It is the driest spot on earth. The average interval between two showers of rain is seven years.

What has become of the old fashioned woman who made her children's nightgowns out of four sacks?—Aitchison Globe.

A REMEDY FOR THE GRIP.

A remedy recommended for patients afflicted with the Grippe is KEMP'S BALSA. It is especially adapted for the first symptoms of the disease; get a bottle today and keep it for use the moment it is needed. It is neglected the grippe has a tendency to bring on pneumonia. KEMP'S BALSA prevents this by keeping the cough loose and the lungs free from inflammation. All druggists sell KEMP'S BALSA at 50c and 60c.

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"I was very much surprised to learn the other day," said a visitor from Burlington, Vt., at one of the hotels, "that Jackson had no cotton in his fortifications during the battle of New Orleans. Whether the younger generation is better advised I am unable to say, but the cotton bales legend is believed religiously by middle aged people all through the New England states. They are proud of it as a master example of what might be called 'brave cunning' and before you could shatter their faith in the story you could persuade them that Washington didn't cross the Delaware and that Benedict Arnold was a high minded American patriot."

"I attended public school when I was a boy at Greenfield, Mass.," continued the speaker, "and I remember distinctly the account of the battle of New Orleans that was given in our intermediate history of the United States. It described the cotton bale fortifications as a happy inspiration which came to Jackson at the last moment as a possible means of offsetting the immense preponderance of the British forces. According to the narrative the cotton was piled up in a gigantic wall, and when the enemy's artillery opened fire the projectiles bounced back from its surface like rubber balls against the side of a house. I remember that the incident tickled us boys immensely. We thought it was such a good joke on the Englishmen, and years afterward whenever anything would remind me of the battle of New Orleans I would instantly have a mental vision of a crowd of astonished artillerymen dodging their own cannon balls. The small American loss was attributed solely to this remarkable piece of strategy, and the chapter was embellished with full page woodcuts, which is as clear to my mind's eye as if I had seen it yesterday. It represented what was evidently intended to be one of the fortifications—a solid, square sided, rectangular wall of bales, with regular apertures for cannon. On one side was a line of men dressed like the traditional dime novel trapper, each with a coonskin cap on his head and a rifle about nine feet long, and on the other side was a dense mass of British grenadiers, wearing what looked like bishops' miters. A number of cannon balls were seen lying on the ground outside, where they had bounced from the elastic ramports, and the grenadiers were plainly getting the worst of it."

"That picture stands today as the accepted New England version of the battle, and the man who attempted to pluck out those venerated cotton bales and substitute ordinary Mississippi river mud would have a disagreeable job on his hands. I wouldn't like to undertake it."—New Orleans Times-Louisiana.

Characteristic.

"Woman has no sense of humor."

"No, but she seems to have an awful sense of being humored."—Detroit Free Press.

The fight against slavery in the country was a prolonged one. In 1775 in the city of Philadelphia the first antislavery society was organized.

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Result of Attack on Liquor House.

Topoka, Feb. 26.—J. W. Adams was fatally wounded during a raid in the Curtis wholesale liquor house. A carload of beer had been unloaded, and about 30 men armed with sledges and revolvers broke open the door and smashed the cases. Adams says he was shot by a policeman. Rev. E. W. Emerson was also hurt, but not seriously.

Quarrel Resulted in Two Deaths.

Middleboro, Ky., Feb. 26.—A fight for all fight in Hancock county, Tenn. between Thomas Holdman and his son on one side and John Tye and his son on the other, resulted in the death of Thomas Holdman and Willis Tye, son of John Tye. Holdman and Tye were neighbors, and fell out over a question in which their farms were involved.

Crew Had a Hard Time.

St. John, Feb. 25.—Schooner Joseph Hay, in ballast, ran ashore at Gulliver's cove during a heavy wind and thick snowstorm. She was driven high up among the rocks, and will probably prove a total loss. The crew were saved after great hardships.

CRANK LETTER WRITERS

Individuals Who Make Trouble For the Postoffice Officials.

Eccentric letter writers move the postoffice employees to profanity and their correspondents to mirth and doubt as to their sanity. Many people have a mania for putting stamps on envelopes in unusual places. What especial pleasure they find in this it is difficult to say, but they evidently find it, for they display considerable ingenuity in selecting strange places on the envelope. The back of the envelope, the lower left hand corner, the middle of the envelope, etc., are sought out by this form of crank.

Then there are the people who persist in affixing the stamp "skew cornered" and those who have a mania for putting it on upside down. All these eccentricities cause great annoyance to the postal clerks. Probably the criminals who commit the deeds consider that their stamp juggling shows "individuality."

A person may know to the letter the address on the postage stamp. An interview with a mail clerk on a lonely road would probably not be a pleasant experience for this person, but to the credit of the service it may be said that these singularly addressed letters have always been delivered punctually and correctly.

In St. Louis is a man who always writes his letters in rhyme. Even when he writes to a "poor" This highly gifted individual says that he can write verse better than prose; hence his "dropping into poetry." A pedantic young London doctor is accustomed to write his letters to his intimate friends in Greek characters. As his circle of acquaintance is fairly well educated, the result is not as perplexing as it might be. A cotton manufacturer of Manchester, England, uses different colored inks when writing letters, making the color appropriate to the occasion. Thus for business purposes he uses black ink, for personal acquaintances red ink, and to ladies he writes in ink of a delicate violet hue. Some people try to get all the stamps they can on a letter instead of using one stamp of the required denomination. A letter recently was received from a French crank which had on it 15 stamps to make up the 5 cents required. This extraordinary collection consisted of ten stamps each of 2 centimes value and five of 1 centime value each.—New York Press.

Bill Anthony's Coolness.

Bill Anthony was one of the best examples that came out of the Spanish war of the man who can keep his head when others have lost theirs. His coolly indifferent announcement to Sigbee that the Maine was sinking either showed a soul disciplined to the condition of an automaton or a spirit which nothing could dismay. I once asked Captain Sigbee if the popular version of Anthony's speech was correct. He said it was, but that Anthony did not salute him, as was generally told, nor preface his speech with "I have to report, sir." "We bump into each other in the dark," Sigbee said, "and if he had saluted and spoken with that formality he would have been thinking of himself and of making an effort and not of his duty. What he really said and did is better without any of the additions which came later."—Richard Harding Davis in Everybody's Magazine.

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NO. 5

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ADAMS

TO BUILD AN AUTOMOBILE

From the facts gleaned it would seem that there is considerable interest in the building of automobiles in this town. A few days ago it was announced that Allen Bros. were at work on a motor for an automobile and since then it has been learned that Napoleon Blanchard of Springfield is also interested in the same work. At present Mr. Blanchard is a foreman in the Stanley electric company's works at Pittsfield and is a high salaried man. However, he finishes a year's contract with the company March 10 and announced that after that time he would work for himself on an automobile. It was he who did most of the work at the Mannesmann tube works and the design which was shipped from the works last year was his. When the company did not carry out its object, it was not because the design was not good but because of other difficulties. Mr. Blanchard claims an attempt was made to patent the design but no patent was allowed for he wrote Washington, D. C., and notified the officials that the design and work was all his own. Mr. Blanchard is to put up a workshop at his property on Spring street and will there perfect the carriage, have it patented and then interest capital in the organization of a company for its manufacture. He has had experience in several automobiles and bicycle factories and is acknowledged as a machinist of original ideas and exceptional ability. He makes his own tools and is competent. He has his own tools and is confident of success in his new venture.

"HASTE MAKES WASTE."

According to reports Samuel Danzig left this town very suddenly a few days ago and left for another state. His friends told a reporter Tuesday that he had gone to Troy, N. Y., and was going farther before he came back. Mr. Danzig conducted the London cash grocery store on the corner of East Hoosac and Summer streets and the cause of his sudden departure is said to be because he feared the law. He with five others were on the notes for Paul Albert and were sued by Goodrich & Welthauer for the recovery of the value of the notes, which were allowed to go to protest. Danzig was at the trial and the decision was to be given Tuesday morning and was given in favor of the defendants as reported Tuesday. Mr. Danzig did not expect a decision in his favor and so is alleged to have "skipped" as his friends put it. Perhaps he will now come back when he learns the decision.

A WORTHY CANDIDATE.

Town meeting talk blossomed out in earnest this week and the probable candidates have been the chief topic. James C. Chalmers, whose term expires this year has stated that he will not be willing to stand for the place again this year as his other business will demand his full time. This is understood to be final. To take Mr. Chalmers' place the name of C. T. Plunkett has been suggested and meets with the hearty approval of men of both parties. It is felt that such a man as Mr. Chalmers or Mr. Plunkett is needed on the board, the men who have large business interests in town and Mr. Plunkett is just the man. He will very likely allow his name to be presented and it is possible that he will receive the endorsement of the democrats also. —Springfield Union.

NO BIDS RECEIVED HERE

The time allotted for the sending in of

bids for the carrying of the mail over the stage routes to Savoy and Ashfield has elapsed. It would have been well to have had no time limit so far as all people are concerned, for not a proposal was made at the local postoffice. It will be remembered that at first all proposals were to have been sent direct to Washington, D. C. No bids were sent there and then the matter was left in the hands of Postmaster Smith here. It has always been difficult to secure carriers for the routes mentioned on account of the small salary and the route itself. In summer the trip over the mountains goes all right but in the winter when the roads are almost impassable then the pleasure is all turned to hardship. What the postal department will do is yet a question but it is certain that Uncle Sam will have to make a good inducement.

SECOND REGIMENT BAND FOR MUSIC.

It is quite probable that the public will be given another musical treat at the annual concert and ball of Company M in the armory, the first Friday after Lent. The music committee has been contemplating the engagement of the Second Regiment band of Springfield to furnish the concert and dance music. This well known band will be welcome not only because of its reputation at a musical organization but also because it is the Second Regiment band of which regiment Company M is a member. Negotiations are about complete and as soon as the music committee meets a decision will be made.

SENIOR CLASS ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment under the auspices of the class of 1901 of the high school will be "Beside the bonnie brier bush," a pastoral recital by Albert Armstrong. It will be given in the opera house Wednesday evening, March 13. The entertainment is said to be first class and a treat and will be worthy of a large attendance. The proceeds of this entertainment will be donated to a fund to defray the graduating class's reception, annually given in the Forest park pavilion. Tickets will be on sale at Mole's drug store and by the pupils of the class.

FOR THE PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

The Springfield Union correspondent after mentioning C. T. Plunkett for selectman also speaks of candidates for the prudential committee, where there would probably be a vacancy should Mr. Plunkett accept and receive the nomination for selectman. The Union mentions George B. Adams and William T. Nary and says both are capable men. The Union's correspondent certainly has begun to heat the political caldron and is efficient in furnishing plenty of candidates.

The entertainment by the Ithaca conservatory of music concert company to be given in the Methodist church Friday evening is for the benefit of the church and not for the senior class of the high school.

The Renfrew Caledonian club will hold a whist party in their hall this evening.

An infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alavozki died Tuesday forenoon and was buried in the afternoon.

Mr. Hurley of Glens Falls, N. Y., cousin of James Healey of this town, is the guest of D. J. Dunn.

John & Mooney have purchased two handsome new glass show cases for their furnishing department.

The L. C. B. A. will meet at 8.30 in

the K of C. hall this evening.

It has been reported that poor sewage caused the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan of Zylomite to contract the fever from which he died.

There were no cases in court this morning.

The regular meeting of the Odd Fellows will be held this evening.

A daughter was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson of Columbia street, Benfraw.

Rev. Father McLaughlin preached at the Lenten services in St. Francis' church at North Adams Tuesday evening.

Business is Business.

He is a kind and considerate man, but at the same time he realizes that business is business and that one never knows what may happen. The woman was the man's tenant, and she paid her rent always with notes which her brother-in-law gave her. The notes were good, and the arrangement was satisfactory on all sides. But time went on, and the brother died. Then the landlord, realizing that the woman had been his tenant for some years, thought to himself that it would be only courteous for him to write a note of condolence. This he did forthwith, and it was a kind and sympathetic note, quite after the conventional style until it came to a P. S., which would be unusual in itself, and in this instance was particularly so.

"P. S. wrote the man, 'Whose name will take the place of your brother's on the notes?'" —New York Times.

Washington Ghosts.

Ghost stories for some mysterious reason have been revived of late in Washington. It is told again how the face of an old woman was depicted clearly on one of the White House pillars the day President McKinley received word that his mother was dead. Capitol employees entertain their friends with the story of the shadow of a general looking like Washington between pillars in Statuary hall at the capitol. A former senate page, now grown to man's size and employed at the White House, says that when lightning strikes the copper statue of Freedom on the capitol dome it rings loudly and clearly like the famous bell at Philadelphia in the days of the Declaration of Independence. —Washington Letter.

Sienkiewicz.

Sienkiewicz takes tea twice and coffee once during his hours of literary labor. With an occasional extra portion of white wine and raw eggs to stimulate his flagging imagination. It is probably in the wine and egg period that he composes accounts of Nere basquets and similar purple prose matter — "Ruddy rhetoric," as Frederic Harrison would call it. The novelist is pictured as an indulgent and affectionate father and a man of strong domestic traits. His chief amusement is bear hunting. —New York Tribune.

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NEW STAR IS A WONDER.

Its Startling Growth In a Few Nights.

VERY DISTANT FROM THE EARTH.

Its Increase in Brightness Probably Caused by Intensely Increased Heat—Astronomers Not Yet Certain Whether It Moves.

The new star is 6,000,000 times as far from the earth as the sun—roughly speaking, 550,000,000,000 of miles. This is so far that—

The sudden illumination that now has attracted the attention of the astronomers must have occurred about 1803. It has taken the light 98 years to dart across the abyss of space to the earth.

If there had been a wire to telegraph the news and the message was filed at the time of its occurrence, people would receive it about the year 2401.

If the explosion caused by the rush of this gigantic world into the gases of some nebular body (which, the scientists believe, caused the sudden flare up) was loud enough to reach the earth, people will hear the sound of the crash something like 87,000,000 years from now.

If the new star is traveling toward us even at the average planetary rate, there is no occasion for alarm. It will take it to reach our neighborhood 30,000 years.

Mr. Garrett P. Serviss, the well known astronomer, writes interestingly as follows in the New York Journal of the new star now blazing in the heavens:

The new star is near the border of the Milky Way in the constellation Perseus. The brightest new star ever previously seen, that known as Tycho's star in 1572, also appeared in the edge of the Milky Way, and its location is given on the accompanying chart. Kepler's new star in 1604 likewise was in the Milky Way.

It is probable that the new star is very distant. None has ever been seen near enough to afford a sensible parallel. Its distance is probably not less than 6,000,000 times the distance of the earth from the sun. Its sudden increase of brightness is not due to its coming nearer, although it may be doing that, but to the growth of intensity in its radiation, caused probably by swift increase of heat.

A motion of approach to the earth amounting to 500 miles a second, which is about the maximum rapidity that could be ascribed, would not bring this star into our immediate neighborhood in less than 30,000 years.

The chances are that when this star fades it will disappear altogether. That is what happened in the two previous instances that are known of very brilliant new stars—those of Tycho in 1572 and of Kepler in 1604. There is no trace of those stars left. Smaller new stars, like that of 1892, have usually faded into comparatively faint objects without entirely vanishing.

It cannot yet be told whether this star shows motion or not. Careful spectroscopic examination of its light will be required to determine that question. The probability is that the spectra of at least two different bodies moving in different directions will be found in it.

It is only in case a considerable part of their motion is toward or from the earth that it can be detected by the spectroscopic. If the motion is across our line of sight, it will not affect the position of the lines in the spectrum.

The swiftness with which the light of the new star has grown seems best to accord with the theory that the cause of the outburst was the plunging of a solid body of immense size and mass through a cloud of gas or of meteoritic dust. Whenever the earth encounters a swarm of meteors a similar phenomenon on a small scale is presented. The sky is filled for hours with flaming particles, but they are not numerous enough to produce disastrous effects or to cause an outburst of light and heat comparable to that of a new star.

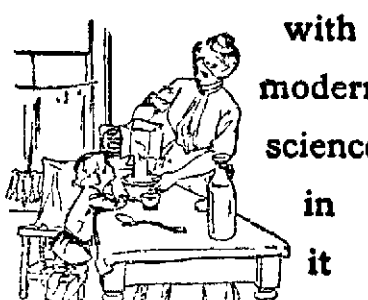
Yet such a meteoric display as that of 1833 on the earth would probably have been visible from some of the planets, whose inhabitants might have supposed that a sudden conflagration had broken out on this globe. But, as already remarked, the light and heat developed by any known encounter of the earth with a cloud of meteors are insignificant compared with the outburst which has just occurred in the sky. Yet the cause may be similar in its nature, but vastly greater in its extent and effect.

The latest discoveries of astronomical photography show that space is full of nebulous clouds, invisible with telescopes, which nevertheless are probably dense enough to cause a vast conflagration upon any solid globe rushing swiftly through them. Such a globe would be in the condition of a meteor rushing into the earth's atmosphere. As long as it continues to move through the air the friction of its passage renders its surface incandescent, and it glows brighter and brighter until it attains a maximum of brilliancy. If it should go on indefinitely rushing through the air, it would finally be totally consumed. But it requires only a few minutes at most to penetrate the whole depth of the air and so arrives at the earth, if at all, with its surface charred and contorted with the fierce heat, but its interior yet cool.

So an immense body like an extinguished sun or a gigantic planet plunged with a velocity of hundreds of miles in a second through a mass of meteoric dust or of gas a million miles or more

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By devoting names and its surface would be rendered intensely incandescent, yet as soon as the passage was completed it would quickly begin to cool off, because the heat would not have had time to penetrate deeply into the solid mass. This is probably the reason why new stars flame out so suddenly and fade so quickly and why the great ones that have been seen have entirely disappeared.

A small body plunging through a resisting medium might be completely vaporized, and it would afterward continue to shine with nebulous light, while a very large body would be too massive to become heated throughout, and as it became quickly cooled it would lose its brilliancy and consequently entirely disappear from our range of vision.

MASTODONS OF THE SEA.

Two Gigantic Ships Now Building In a Connecticut Dockyard.

The largest steamers in the world are now building on the Thames river—not the English Thames, but the Thames which waters the town of New Lisbon, Conn. They are building for the Pacific line of the Great Northern Steamship company, and, though primarily designed for cargo carriers, accommodation will be provided on each ship for about 1,500 passengers, of whom about 1,000 will be located in the steerage. The following are the principal dimensions: Length, 680 feet; beam, 73 feet 6 inches; depth, 55 feet 8 inches. Though not so long as some of the Atlantic liners, it will be observed that the new ships are much wider and deeper.

These immense vessels, says The Shipping World, will be of about 21,000 gross tons register and 33,000 tons displacement, or just 10,000 tons more displacement than the Atlantic liner Deutschland. They have each five continuous decks extending the whole length of the ship, with three additional decks amidships. Each vessel can accommodate 22,500 tons of coal, and the dead weight carrying capacity at normal draft is to be 20,000 tons. About 200 first cabin passengers will be carried in the amidship houses, 100 second cabin just abaft of the machinery below the weather deck, 200 third class forward of the machinery, and in the forward between decks accommodation will be provided for about 1,000 steerage. As the crew will number nearly 250 men all told, the total number of berths fitted for the passengers and complement will be close upon 1,750.

Arrangements have been made for carrying cattle, also for chilled or frozen meats in refrigerating chambers and fruit or any kind of cargo that may appear for transportation.

Analysis of Blood.

The Clinical Weekly of Berlin recently published a description of a discovery by Professors Wasserman and Schuetze of the Physiological Institute and Chief Director Koch of a method of distinguishing human blood, whether old or fresh, from that of all animals save the monkey. The experiments showed that the blood of monkeys in respect to albumen was next in natural affinity to the blood of man. The test was based on the employment of hemolysine and praecipitine. The discovery will be of immense service in the detection of crime.

Magically Visits to Ireland.

Should King Edward VII visit Ireland this year, as may happen, he will be the first king, with his consort, who ever visited the country since it became part of the British kingdom. During that time six kings of England have visited Ireland, but unaccompanied by their queens. Henry II paid the first visit in 1172 and held a court outside Dublin. The other kingly visitors were Richard II, Henry V, James II, William III, and George IV.

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NEW RAILROAD KING.

James J. Hill of St. Paul, New Sovereign of the Rail.

The new "railroad king" in Wall street is Mr. James J. Hill of St. Paul and the continent at large, who came over the Canadian frontier a friendless, moneyless boy 40 years ago and is now one of the unofficial sovereigns of his adopted country. Mr. Hill didn't try his prentice hand on building a pyramid or making a dictionary. He constructed a transcontinental railway system, and he still bristles with hair and energy. The bearded strong man of the earlier generations who plied forests, tunneled mountains and made flower gardens in deserts have almost all disappeared. The constructive era is over in railroads. But Mr. Hill, almost the last of the great railroad builders now that Collis P. Huntington is dead, is just as apt, it seems, at combination as at construction.

A charming talker this little giant of the northwest when he finds the time. The magnificent farms along the Red river valley which contribute a great grain traffic to Mr. Hill's Great Northern road were originally stocked with blooded horses and cattle which Jim Hill, as the people out there call him, imported at his own expense for their benefit. Now he is reaping his reward, and the people there are glad of it. —Harper's Weekly.

Death Lurks In Blue Pencils.

A Chicago physician has begun a crusade against the use of the indelible pencil, which he says is the cause of sore lips and fingers and sometime poison so severe as to result in death. The doctor says the coloring matter in the indelible pencil is aniline, the dye of which in the stockings of Sena tor Cushman K. Davis of Minnesota caused his death from blood poisoning.

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Legs of lamb, 14c. Legs of mutton, 12c. Salt pork, 10c. Bologna, 7c. Strictly fresh eggs, warranted 25c doz. Oysters, 25c qt. We have just received another large shipment of creamy butter, (none that bought last week know the quality 25c. We shall also have Saturday 1000 lbs. John P. Squire & Co. sugar cured hams, established in 1842 — firm need no introduction as to the quality of their goods, these hams are small and just right for a family. Our price 12 1/2c.

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COL. BARBER ON THE PHILIPPINES

Discusses Problems that Confront Country in Administration of Island.

HE CONDEMNS THOSE WHO KNOW LITTLE BUT SAY MUCH

Not a Hopeful View for Immediate Future. School Houses and Roads Better Than Sentimental Drivel. Deportation the Solution of Problem of Insurrection

There is probably no better informed man in this country today on questions concerning the relation of this country to the Philippine Islands than Colonel Merritt Barber, who has been spending a short vacation at the home of Chauncey Rosenbury on the hills of North Pownal, and who was in this city yesterday. Colonel Barber, who has been in the United States army for the last 39 years, and a colonel for many years, is senior assistant adjutant general of the army, and for the last year and four months has held the position of adjutant general of the Philippines. In that capacity he had charge of everything that related to the military administration of the islands. His views on what is called the "Philippine problem" should therefore be of the utmost importance.

Colonel Barber was seen at his resting place in North Pownal by a Transcript reporter last week, and asked in regard to various matters that are occupying the attention of the country. Although ready to talk of his experiences in the islands, Colonel Barber recognizes the importance of the matter attached to the utterances of an officer so high in the army, and said he preferred to take time to answer the questions on this subject. He answered questions for written questions, to which he wrote answers. They are given below and may be taken as authoritative expressions by one who knows what he is talking about.

In conversation, Colonel Barber expresses himself very forcibly on the subject of the discussions of the Philippine question which he meets in this country. The extent to which argument is based on complete ignorance of the conditions there, and to which those whom he calls the "college professors" politicians and papers like the Springfield Republican profess to be able to settle the questions that arise on hand, fills him with disgust, and he said in speaking of this matter that he believed these discussions were doing infinite harm, rather than good.

As a reason for his care in preparing answers, Colonel Barber said that his views might differ so materially from others which had been expressed by persons who had been to the Philippines, that he did not know as it would do any good to give them. He does not, for instance, believe that the Philippines are in any way capable of self government as yet, nor does he think they will be for years to come. He regards deportation of the most turbulent spirits as the surest way of treating the present situation in the islands and many other of his views are not what have been the generally accepted ones.

In answering the questions, however, Colonel Barber writes: "Please remember that the views expressed are simply my own and that I do not attempt to speak for any coterie, class, or any other person. If they are not so bright and promising of the present situation as we could desire, or so encouraging of immediate change of heart and change of nation on the part of our wards as we would be glad to anticipate, it is because I do not believe we can change an Asiatic Malay into an orderly, peaceable American citizen by word of mouth or the stroke of a pen, but I do believe that by time and patience it will be accomplished and that those agencies are now at work to that end."

Philippine Character in Brief
Colonel Barber was asked in the first place his opinion of the character of the Philippines as it would affect American administration. He replies:

"Your inquiry has been so frequently and fully discussed pro and con by the home newspapers and politicians that it seems supererogatory to add anything of my own personal experience and observation to the volumes already delivered on this topic. By the way, the statesman whose party is out of office; by the ordinary college professor and intelligent politician whose text is on the high moral plane of the 'rights' and 'wrongs' of people of whom they know very little beyond their own inspiration, the Philippines are accounted to be a race as child-like and bland as the famous 'heavenly Chinese,'—moral, religious and trustworthy, ambitious and capable of achieving for themselves a proud future. By those of us who are now ruling them and have had them in charge for more than two years, who are laboring with and for them, who are giving their very best abilities to the promotion of their welfare and the problems of their future well being, they are known to be treacherous and bloodthirsty, natural born conspirators, crafty, cowardly, untrustworthy and incapable of civilized self-government."

This is not only the conclusion of our own people who are on the spot charged with their administration, people of equal ability, equal honesty of purpose and much greater knowledge of existing conditions than their critics, but it is also the experience of our predecessors in the islands for more than 300 years of administration, and is the unqualified expression of 99 in every 100 of the educated and intelligent among the Filipinos themselves.

It is the popular belief that the faults and vices of the Filipinos, if they are admitted to have any, are the result of Spanish intolerance and oppression, but their history so far back as we have record does not sustain this view. When the renowned navigator Magellan discovered the islands more than three and a half centuries ago he found the inhabitants engaged in their normal industry of cutting each other's throats and perishing miserably himself in a petty rivalry of the people of one

island against those of an adjacent one and ever since the first permanent occupation by the Spaniards, a few years later, it has been one continuous record of bloodthirst and carnage among themselves.

That the administration of Spain was cruel, intolerant and oppressive, does not admit of any question, but that the nature and characteristics of the Filipinos of today are the result of Spanish tyranny is not the fact. Their nature and their instincts are those of the Malay today, the same as 350 years ago, and it seems to me that their present patrons and apologists among our own people overlook that fact and judge them and theorize over them from the standpoint of their own intelligence and humanity. There are unquestionably many very able, highly educated and progressive men among the Filipinos, but these are so few amidst the heterogeneous mass of the numerous Malay tribes that they frankly admit the unpreparedness of their people for self-government. As a rule, these people are in full sympathy with our occupation and government of the islands, but the turbulence, lawlessness and cruelty of the insurgents among whom their lot is cast and by whom the lives of themselves and their families are endangered, it is impossible for them to give us their active aid and support until it is safe for them to do so.

What Reported "Surrenders" Mean

Reports of Filipino "surrenders" have been frequent in the papers lately, and Colonel Barber was asked if these meant growing friendliness to Americans, and whether this tendency could be relied on. He replies:

I am unable to express an intelligent opinion on this point, not being aware to what extent, if any, and from what motives, such surrenders have taken place. Some little time prior to my departure, a small organized band of armed insurgents came in and surrendered, voluntarily, which event the governor general regarded as being a very significant and hopeful indication, as it was the only instance up to that time of the voluntary surrender of an armed and equipped organization. If the tendency to which you refer is of the same character, coming in of armed organizations and surrendering voluntarily, giving up their arms and taking the oath, I should regard it as an indication of the beginning of the end, which might result before long in a general landslide to us of the larger portion of the disaffected.

About the time of my leaving Manila, however, the general, finding all his efforts thwarted and all his hopes and expectations disappointed by the machinations of insurgent leaders, concluded to send some of the most prominent ones of them who were in our hands and consequently engaged in plotting and hatching conspiracies, to the island of Guam, which is included in the administration of the governor general. This salutary lesson, which had been in contemplation for a considerable period, and which I believe to be a solution of the entire problem of insurrection in the Philippines, caused a consternation among the rank and file all along the line, and since then I understand there has been an increased tendency among them to get in under cover, but I am unprepared to say whether this tendency can be relied upon for permanent quiet and good order any more than a preacher can tell whether or not a death-bed repentance will lead to salvation. Every surrender of arms is, of course, so much gain for our maintenance of good order, as it just so much diminishes their capacity for mischief. But as to any reliance upon a conversion from their disposition to mischief, that is another question.

Form of Permanent Administration

Continuing Colonel Barber writes: You ask what can be the most successful form of permanent administration, to which I answer that that is just what we are endeavoring to find out, just what we are out there for, and just what the before-mentioned heaven inspired government tinkers and letter writers in the United States know so much about. It is attempted by those there to establish the forms of former administration and cause them to be honestly administered. Provinces under governors and municipalities under presidents each distributed into properly defined functions, and furnished with the necessary executive, judicial and fiscal agencies this is the system to which these people have always been accustomed and seems to be the natural one for the conditions existing there. It is an inheritance from our predecessors and with the slight modifications that have been made by the present chief justice, Sullano, a great jurist and upright patriotic Filipino, to meet the changes incident to our American methods, it has seemed the appropriate system to adopt, and so far has met every requirement of the administration of civil affairs.

One should always bear in mind, however, that every effort in any direction we have so far made in the Philippines, is only tentative and by no means to be relied upon as the best that can be done. This is our first attempt at colonial administration, you remember, except our own early beginnings and success has attended other nations in this respect, as well as our own, only through struggles and controversy and the perpetual vilification of self-appointed statesmen in the rear and as we had our Tories during the revolution and our Copperheads during the civil war, so now we have our wretched constitutional pedagogues at our back, whose discordant brayings like that of their assinine prototypes, only serves to advertise their own non-creative faculties. But whether the present system of civil government, or some other is the best, it can be relied upon with perfect confidence, that our people will, in due time, discover that which is best, and establish it.

It is possible, and even probable, that Filipinos can be educated up to self-government, but as it took the education of more than 150 years to educate our own people from their high starting point up to self-government, it will doubtless take an equal, if not longer period of education, from the starting point of an Asiatic Malay.

Schools and Roads

Your question, if the educational system is resulting in expected good for Filipinos and helping to establish better relations between Filipinos and Americans, is scarcely fair to the accomplished gentleman from Springfield who has recently been appointed superintendent of education. I must refer to the usage, that Rome was not built in a day, and as Mr. Atkinson only arrived at Manila last July, it is

simply idle to expect any results from his appointment so early as this. Whatever is possible, he will accomplish, for he has the two qualifications of success, the ability and the determination, and I confidently anticipate during the two years of his appointed administration, the establishment of a good and permanent foundation of an educational system that will certainly insure to the greatest advantage, if not the regeneration of the people of the island.

Wherever our troops have occupied, they have established or rather continued the schools and have given as much attention and encouragement as possible to primary education. But further than that has been impossible, and even that in the midst of military field operations, has necessarily been rather desultory than systematic, and there has been no uniformity in, or adequate supply of text books and school appliances. Still it has had the advantage of familiarizing the children to a certain extent with our people, and also their parents, and it has the further advantage of furnishing something of an Americanizing organization, so to speak, upon which Mr. Atkinson can establish a perfect system. It speaks very promising encouragement to him that the Filipinos within our lines, most of whom are in sympathy with us, are eager for our schools; and the children themselves show a promptness in attendance and a quickness and aptitude in study that is promising in the highest degree.

In my opinion, the two great Americanizing instrumentalities for the Philippine islands are school houses and roads. Every single school house and every single mile of good road built in that country is worth more to the Filipino than every sentence of silly sentimental drivel and drivel that has been coughed up through the columns of the Springfield Republican and newspapers of that persuasion.

It should not be understood, however, that the educational barque has only clear skies and smooth seas through which to steer its course. What position or influence the religious situation will have upon its career is problematical, and the more so, as it is so perfectly quiet and passive, making no sign. No religious demonstration is ever so dangerous as when it is keeping perfectly quiet, hiding its claws, so to speak; and that at the present situation in the Philippines.

The only church there, as all know, is the Roman Catholic, not the Roman Catholic of today, not the Roman Catholic of the United States but the Roman Catholic of the 15th century and of the inquisition. Old and decrepit, it has staggered along and swaggered along in the Philippines, in the 20th century, with all the bravado with which it terrorized and dominated 500 years ago, and how far it will enter into the education problem for good or ill, is yet to be made manifest. It certainly is not regarded by our people as promising a harmonizing element, but there are so many other lines than educational with which its interests are involved that it is impossible to anticipate its influence until it shows its hand, or rather, its claws.

Chance for American Competition

Colonel Barber was asked what conditions the Philippines offer for Americans in industrial and commercial lines, and how the Filipinos are likely to mix with Americans in these lines. He replies:

I am not sufficiently conversant with industrial and commercial conditions in the islands to speak intelligently as to the inducements they offer for American enterprise. The English, German, Spanish and French have establishments there, especially the English and Germans, and heretofore have sufficed for the island products, but when one considers the abundant increase of production that is possible by increased facilities of communication it would seem that there is a great field open there for American competition.

Size of Army for the Future

To the question as to how large the army to be kept in the islands should be and whether a permanent force and military occupation is the only thing to be expected, Colonel Barber replies:

The size of the army to be kept there will depend upon the people themselves. The force of 70,000 now there is no more than adequate to establish the good order and quiet that is essential to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But when once established, the size of the military force can easily be regulated to meet the requirements. Military occupation is by no means the only thing to be desired; it is only the pioneer of the civil establishment in the Philippines, as it has been in every state in our nation from Cape Cod to the Golden Gate.

Climate of the Philippines

The climate of the Philippines, says Colonel Barber, is not altogether inviting for Americans, and yet under settled conditions it is by no means as bad as it is painted. If the American can restrain some of that exuberant vitality which animates him in our own vicious climate, and imitate the "manana" of the Spaniard, enjoying himself more and worrying himself less, there is no reason why he should not find the climate as agreeable and healthful as it was to the Spaniard and is to the Englishman and the German.

What opposition we may expect, except that from the Filipinos, is only that commercial rivalry, I fancy, that can be expected by every new comer who treads upon the toes of the established institutions.

The Army Canteen

Colonel Barber, from his position as senior assistant adjutant general in the army, has been in charge of the much reviled canteen in large measure, and he was asked what he thought of it and the recent attacks on it, followed by the act of congress abolishing it. He replies: "The question of the canteen has been settled by congress, and its effect for good or ill is not open to comment on my part."

But in conversation yesterday Colonel Barber expressed himself more fully, so far as the effects of the canteen in the past are concerned. He said that he did not believe in it theoretically. But he had seen how it prevented the gathering about the army of dives and far worse institutions than those of liquor selling, and he did not believe the army could have been maintained at its present high standard in the past without the canteen.

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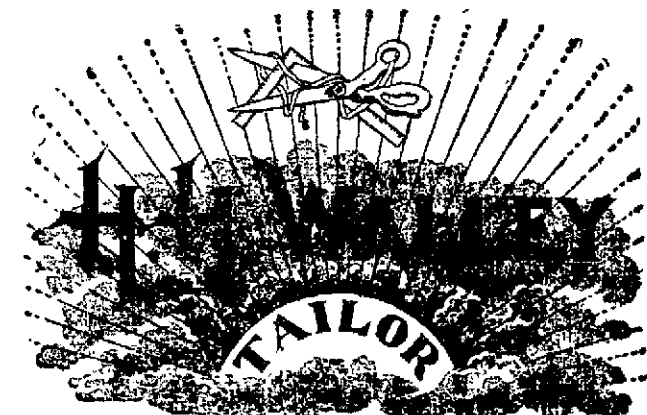
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